Instructions for

Sir Andrew Snape Hammond Knt., Commander in Chief, in the absence of a Flag Officer, or Senior Captain, of such of His Majesty's Ships & Vessels as shall at any time be at Halifax in Nova Scotia.

Whereas the chief ends of appointing you Commander in Chief, as aforesaid, are, that, by virtue of the Power and Authority committed to you, you may be able to quicken the dispatch of His Majesty's Ships which shall come into Halifax in order to clean and refit, to repair Defects or Damages, to procure Stores or Provisions, or on any other occasion; and to oblige their Commanders to exert their utmost diligence in getting their Ships ready for Service and in proceeding to Sea in execution of the Orders they may be under; and not to suffer them to be dilatory therein, or to remain in Port longer than shall be absolutely necessary; We do therefore hereby

hereby strictly charge and require you, in general to use all Zeal and Diligence in promoting His Majesty's Service entrusted to your care; and, for your particular guidance therein, you are carefully to observe the following Instructions, viz.t

1.

When any of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels shall come into Halifax, in order to be cleaned or refitted, you are to direct their Commanders to give a constant attendance on the spot and to keep their Officers & Men together during the whole time such Ships and Vessels shall be in Harbor; and to employ the said Officers and Men in clearing them of their Guns, Stores, Provisions and Ballast, and in careening them as soon as possible; and, when the same is done, to use the like diligence in getting on board the Guns, Stores, Provisions and Ballast, & putting the Ships and Vessels into a Condition to proceed on Service.

2.

You are, frequently, to visit the Ships and Vessels, to see what progress is made in getting them ready and to quicken their

Commanders

Commanders and Officers in doing so; and not to suffer them to lye on shore but to keep them strictly to their Duty on board; and, when such Ships or Vessels are ready for Service, you are to see that their Commanders do prosecute their Instructions without the least loss of time.

5.

When any of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels put into the above Port on account of Defects or Damages, or to supply proper necessary wants, you are to give the Directions for their being immediately furnished with all the assistance that can be given them, and supplied with what they shall be so in want of; and to order their Commanders diligently to attend themselves, and to keep their Officers and Men to their Duty, and to use all possible dispatch in repairing the Defects or Damages of such Ships or Vessels or in getting on board them what Necessaries they may want, and in pursuing the Orders they may be under; and you are frequently to visit the Ships and Vessels, if you find it necessary, and to see that your Directions are complied with.

6.

4th

You are to order the Naval and Victualling Officers on Shore diligently to attend their Duty, that the Works to be performed upon the Ships and Vessels be carried on with vigour and dispatch; that the Stores and Provisions be delivered without delay; and that the said Officers do, in their several Stations, contribute, all in their power, to the forwarding of the Service.

5th

You are, by all opportunities to transmit to Our Secretary an account of your Proceedings for Our information; and you are also to transmit accounts of your Proceedings to the Flag Officer commanding His Majesty's Ships in North America for the time being.

Given under Our Hands the 1st May 1781.

Sandwich

By Command of their Lordships.

P. Stephens

F. Pinton

Amherst

Admiralty Instructions

Halifax Dock Yard
2nd. August 1781

Agent Victualler.

Sir

In answer to your Letter of this Day's date I am to acquaint you that I have directed the Master of the Vernon Transport to receive on board that Ship such part of the Iron Hoops, Staves &c in your Charge as he can conveniently stow, and which upon his Arrival in England, he is to deliver to the order of the Commissioners for victualling His Majesty's Navy

The Master of the Vernon Transport ordered to receive the Hoops, Staves &c to be transported to England.

I am &c
A. S. Hamond

Alexander Thompson Esqr.

No 1

6th. August 1781

Admiralty

Sir

You will be pleased to acquaint my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that on the 29th. of last Month, I arrived here in the Recovery naval Storeship together with six Victuallers for the Army under Convoy of His Majesty's Ships the Surprize and Danae: The Charlestown Frigate and Vulture Sloop having had an Engagement with two large French Frigates the Astrea of 40 Guns and the Hermione of 36 Guns are come into this Harbour to refit being much shattered in their Mast and Rigging, and I am sorry to inform their Lordships that Captn. Evans fell in the Action. His Majesty has lost in him a very gallant vigilant and active Officer. I enclose the Account of the Engagement as transmitted to me by Captn. George

Arrival at Halifax 29th. July 1781.

The Action of the Charlestown and Vulture with the Hermione and Astrea French Frigates off Cape Breton.

of

of the Vulture, whose conduct in this Affair appears also to have been highly meritorious. Nothing has since been heard of the Allegiance and the Convoy, but it is expected they got safe into Spanish River in the Island of Cape Breton Which place the Action happened ~ As there is reason to apprehend the French Frigates are still upon the Coast, the Assurance which has been compleatly refitted here will sail tomorrow in company with the Surprize and Dance in quest of them ~

The Atalanta Sloop which had been some time ago taken by the Rebels, has been since retaken by the Assurance and other Ships, and is now refitting at this Port ~ I have the Honor to be &c

The Atalanta retaken by the Assurance and other Ships and refitting.

A. S. Hamond

Philip Stephens Esq.

P.S. — Inclosed is a Copy of a Letter to the Commissioners of the Sick and Hurt Board, which I send for their Lordships Perusal and Consideration —

Of the Vernon Armed Transport

Duplicate of the Surprize — sailed 7th Augt 1781

Copy of a Letter from Captn. George of the Vulture to Sir A. S. Hamond. Dated Halifax Harbour 29th July 1781. —

Inclosed a Copy of the Letter to the Sick and Hurt Board, and of Captain George of the Vulture's Account of the Action.

The Convoy of Colliers and four Victuallers for Quebec under the Direction of Captn. Phipps of His Majs. Armed Ship Allegiance, accompanied by His Majs. Ships Charlestown and Vulture, and the Jack a small Ship of 14 Guns fitted out by Genl. Haldimand arrived off Flint Island near Spanish River on the Morning of the 21st Inst. when the Charlestown gave chase to

two

two Ships in the N. E, and about ½ past 11, we in consequence of a Signal from her, chased in the same Quarter, and the Sack soon followed us: At 1 the Charlestown hove too, and at 2 being then near her, we hawled our Wind on the Starboard Tack to the S. E and immediately after tacked, when we plainly perceived the Ships to be large Frigates of the Enemy, not being farther distant from them than 4 or 5 Miles; at that time the Charlestown made a Signal that they were superior to our Force united: They then were in pursuit of us, and had much the Superiority in sailing, and we clearly perceived must bring us to action before night. by ½ past 4 we had worked up near the Entrance of Spanish River, when Captn. Evans made Signals for the Allegiance & Vernon (a bomb Ship of 14 Guns with a Detachment of 44 Rank & File on board under the Command of Captn. Watt of the 70th. Regiment) to join, which they did a little before 7, we were then under our Topsails on the Starboard Tack, Wind S.S.W, but the Line annexed was not formed when the Ships were close upon our Weather Quarter under French Colours, and approached seemingly with an intention of engaging to windward, but on coming very near the headmost bore up to rake us, which we prevented, but her intention had its full Effect with respect to the Vernon, who suffered considerably by her first Fire. You may conceive Sir that such a Force which necessity only would collect, could not be brought to act in battle with much Regularity: The Commencemt. was confused, and about ½ an Hour after the

Charlestown

Charlestown and this Ship were engaged with the
Headmost Frigate - The other was on the Charlestown's
Lee bow, our own Ships were at a small distance on
our Weather Quarter, and as I expected some of them
would soon be up to take my Place, I took the
resolution of passing the Charlestown and taking the
headmost Frigates fire from her, which I did accordingly
and continued along side her till the end of the
Action, during which the Jack passed us, and gave
her Fire into the Enemy's Bow, and then fell astern
and to Leeward, at ½ past 8 both Frigates bore up
and hawled upon the other Tack, for what purpose I
shall not presume to guess, as neither of them
appeared to be very materially shattered in Masts, Sails
or Rigging. I then observed that the Charlestown had
lost her Main Topmast, about 9 I was hailed by the
Allegiance, and she bore too near me, and at ½ past
9 I spoke the Charlestown, when to my unspeakable
concern I was informed that Captn. Evans fell in the
Action with two or six more, and Twenty two wounded,
amongst the latter were her Master and Boatswain:
Her Lieutenant informed me that her main mast
was very dangerously wounded, and that the Ship
in other respects was in a very shattered condition,
that there was not an Officer on board but a Mate
to assist him, and from the loss of men in the Action
and the Absence of others with the second Lieut. in
Prizes, the Ship had not two thirds of her Complement,
in short he said he was not in a condition to
renew the Action: Our Ship was not in a much

better

better State, her Sails were all very much torn, her running Rigging entirely cut away, and great part of the standing Rigging particularly of the main mast and main topmast, the latter had neither Stay nor Shroud and but one backstay to support it, her Masts and Yards were most of them wounded tho' not materially, except the Mainmast and main Yard, and two of her Guns were dismounted. In this Situation I thought closing with the Enemy, who appeared when we last saw them to have wore again, and to be standing after us, would be attended with the inevitable loss of the Kings Ships. I therefore resolved (not having it in my power to consult Captn. Phipps he was astern) to keep on with the Charlestown under what sail we could set, and as near the wind on the same Tack as their shattered State would admit: As neither the Allegiance (notwithstanding her being a heavy Sailor) nor Vernon appeared much disabled I thought they would be able to keep up with us; the Tack had either gone off before the Wind or was in possession of the Enemy. The next Morning the Charlestown, Vulture and Vernon were only together: We lost sight of the Allegiance about 10 and as we saw no firing astern, we conjectured that she had tacked to rejoin the Convoy in Spanish River. I then made the best of my Way to this Port where I knew the Damages we had received could soon be repaired;

The Behaviour of my Officers and Ships Company, was such that I sincerely lament the contest was not more equal that Victory might have rewarded

their

their Exertions: And I should do an injustice to an excellent Officer, if I did not bestow the highest Praise on Lieut. Mackey of the Charlestown, as well for his Gallantry in action after his Captain was killed as his Diligence afterwards in refitting the Ship — Sam. V.

Line of Battle.

Allegiance to lead on the Starboard } Tacks
Vulture ---------- Larboard }

Allegiance
Jack
Charlestown
Vernon
Vulture.

Sick & Hurt Board.

Genter.

6th. August 1787.

Arrival at Halifax as Commissioner of the Navy.

I beg leave to inform you that I arrived here last Week, in quality of Commissioner of the Navy, and Commander in chief of His Majesty's Ships in this Port, when after looking into the different Establishm.ts placed here for the Service of the Fleet, I was particularly struck with the miserable Accommodation which this Place affords to such sick and wounded Seamen as are so unfortunate as to be sent here for cure: There are at present 107 Patients in what is called the Hospital, a great part of which Number inhabit a decayed Storehouse built upon piles in the Water, which has scarce a Roof or Floor to it, nor are those in the House adjoining much better accommodated, as it is pretty much in the same Repair; and the Number of People

The miserable State of the Hospital.

that

that are necessarily obliged to be in one Room on account of the smallness of the House, in this intense Heat is enough of itself to breed an Infection: The Situation of it is also equally bad as it is between the Dock Yard and the Town surrounded by Rum Shops: I have enquired particularly into the possibility of having better Quarters for the Sick Men, or of making the present more commodious both which I find impracticable, the first from the Scarcity of Houses in proportion to the Inhabitants, and the next from the present occupied Building being entirely decayed. — In this Situation or rather State of the present Hospital I submit to the Consideration of your Board, whether it would not be the most eligable Plan for His Majesty's Service in every point of view, both as to the Health of the Seamen as well as expence, that a proper commodious Set of Buildings should be forthwith erected, proper for the Accommodation of 150 or 200 Seamen with Rooms for the necessary Offices for such an Establishment: I have not been able to get any Estimate of such a Building, but I am really of Opinion with the Assistance of Workmen that we could occasionally give it from the Dock Yard and Ships in the Harbour that it might be built for £2500 which in the end would I am confident prove a great Saving to Government as House Rent here is double the Price of any other part of the World;

Recommending the building a new one.

Expence about £2500.

There is a Spot at ~~that~~ a short Distance above the

Dock

Dock Yard, convenient in all respects for the purpose of an Hospital, where I should propose to build it in preference to any other that I have seen, and if you should be of Opinion that what I point out is a neceſsary Measure to be adopted it shall be my care to settle it with Government is not imposed upon in the Building

I have the Honor to be &c.
A. S. Hamond

Commissioners for Sick & Hurt Seamen

Navy Board. N°1 6th. August 1781

Arrival at Malaga. Gent.

I have the Satisfaction to acquaint you that I arrived here the 30th. last Month in the Recovery Naval Storeship together with the Victuallers for the Army named in the Margin, and next day entered upon my duty as Commissioner.

Friendship
Amity's Production
Constant Friends
Genoa Galley
Thames. —

The Vernon Transport carrying Provisions to the Garrison at Spanish River in the Island of Cape Breton with His Majesty's Frigate the Charlestown and Vulture Sloop having on board a party of the 70th Regiment, and having been much damaged in an Engagement with two large French Frigates, I have ordered her Defects to be made good, which as soon as completed she will take on board a Quantity of returned Staves and Iron Hoops, and after landing the Provisions at Spanish River proceed to England with Rear Admiral Sir Richard Hughes and his Retinue. —

The Action of the Charlestown and Vulture with the Hermione and 2 other French Frigates off Cape Breton.

The Vernon Transport repairing and to proceed to England with Sir R. Hughes.

The Assurance is completely fitted and stored

The Charlestown & Culloden repairing.

stored for Six Months. The Charlestown and Culloden are repairing their Damages sustained in the Action above-mentioned: the Masts of the former and Main Mast of the latter are rendered entirely useless. The Atalanta Sloop has been retaken by the Assurance and sent in there entirely dismasted. For the particulars of the Masts to be further procured I beg leave to refer you to Sir Rich.d Hughes: you may depend upon it that nothing shall be wanting to obtain as many as I can, but I foresee many difficulties in getting them from St. John's River for want of Convoy, as two Sloops are the only Ships stationed on the Coast of Nova Scotia, and the Seas swarm with american Privateers.

The Atalanta retaken by the Assurance.

For particulars relative to procuring Masts from St. John's Lever refer'd to Sir Rich.d Hughes.

Vernon Transport

I have the Honor to be &c

A. S. Hamond

Duplicate

2 Surprize Frigate sailed 7th Aug.st 81

The Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy

Allegiance

Memr.m

6th. August 1781

To return from Spanish River with the Assurance & Convoy when ready

Capt.n Phipps of the Allegiance on Spanish River to return with the Assurance if ready, if not to send those Ships that are ready, and follow after with the Remainder —

20th. August 1781.

Sir

In consequence of Brigadier General Campbell's representation to me, it appears that there is an immediate necessity for supplying the Garrisons of Penobscot and St. Johns with Provisions. I therefore judge

Sandwich
Friendship
Amity's Production

judge it necessary for the good of His Majesty's Service to require you to take the three Victuallers (named in the Margin) under your Convoy, and see them in safety at the places of their destination. —

Charlestown

To convoy some Victuallers to Penobscot and St Johns River.

You will find at St. Johns the young William Transport laden with Masts which by Adml. Graves's Order is to be forwarded to New York: I send you therefore an Order to the Master to proceed under your Convoy: but if upon your Arrival at St. Johns, or afterwards upon your Passage to New York, you gain Intelligence of an Enemy's Fleet being upon the Coast, it will in that case be absolutely necessary to return with that Ship to this Port for security

The Young William Transport to be convoyed to New York.

I am &c

A. Hamond

To Captn. George
Of His Majt. Ship
Charlestown.

Commodore Affleck.

20th August 1781.

~~Dear~~ Sir

As much Provision & as many Stores as can be spared will be forwarded to New York by the return of Warwick or Garland from the River St Lawrence

I have been favored with your Letter of the 20th last Month by the Warwick, and am sorry to learn that you are so bare of Stores and Provisions at New York: I have sent the Admiral a particular Account of what we have here, and am loading a Storeship with as many of these Articles demanded by Mr. Fowler as can be spared from the usual Consumption of this Place, and the Ship will be forwarded to you by the Warwick or Garland's Convoy when they return from the River St. Lawrence.

The

The Young William Transport laden with Masts cut at St. Johns in the Bay of Fundy, I once send to New York under convoy of the Charlestown and Vulture, and shall be happy to hear she arrives safe: As to Provisions I find by the Contractors report to me, that we have about nine Months victualling for 1500 Men which he says upon an Averidge is the Number of Men he has victualled annually for four Years past, so that all I can do on that head, is to fill up all such Ships as come here with as much Provisions as they can stow—

I Beg leave to congratulate you on your broad Pendant, and am with my best Wishes for your Health and Happiness ..... Yours &c—

To Commodore Affleck
New York

A.S. Hamond

The Young William Transport laden with Masts sent under convoy of the Charlestown & Vulture.

Provisions in her for 1500 Men for nine months.

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✓ the Charlestown sailed 22nd. Augt. 1781—

Major Studholm

Requesting his Assistance in Loading the Amity's Production Transpt with Masts at St Johns River.

✓ the Charlestown sailed 22d Augt. 1781—

20th August 1781—

Sir

Understanding from my Predecessor Sir Richard Hughes the Services you have rendered Government by giving Countenance and Protection to the People employed at St. Johns in procuring Masts for His Majesty's Fleet, I beg leave to solicit a continuance of your good Offices and Assistance in that Business, and particularly in hastening the loading of the Amity's Production. I have the Honor to be

To Major Studholm
Comdg. His Majs. Forces
at Fort Howe

A.S. Hamond

20th August 1781

Friendship
Scandaroune
Albany

Sir

The Garrison of Penobscot being in want of Provisions, I judged it necessary for the good of His Majesty's Service to order the Transports named in the Margin to proceed with a supply thereof accordingly under the Convoy of His Majesty's Ship Charlestown: As soon as these two Vessels are unloaded I am to desire you will procure them Convoy as soon as possible either for this Port or New York — I am &c

A.S. Hamond

The Friendship & Scandaroon Transpts to have convoy procured for them for Halifax or New York from Penobscot.

To Captn. Mouatt
of the Albany or the Senior
Officer of His Majesty's Ships
at Penobscot

The Charlestown sailed 22 August 1781.

N°1

20th August 1781

Adml. Graves.

Sir

I have the Honor to acquaint you that I arrived here the 30th of last month, and that Rear Admiral Sir Richard Hughes is gone to England in the Vernon Transport.

Arrival at Halifax. Sir Richard Hughes gone to England in the Vernon Transp.

I beg leave to enclose you for your Approbation a Copy of my Commission and Instructions from the Admiralty appointing me Commander in Chief in the Absence of a Flag or senior Officer of such of His Majesty's Ships as may at any time be at Halifax, and shall beg the favor you will please send me your Directions and Instructions, for the Guidance of my Conduct in that Department.

Inclosed Copy of Commission and Instructions from the Admiralty.

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The inconvenience of executing the Port Duty without a broad Pendant — Requesting one.

It is unnessary for me to point out to you Sir the inconvenience that will attend the executing the Port Duty, unless you should think proper to place me in the same situation as Sir George Rodney has put Captn. Laforey at Antigua. He gave him an Order to hoist a pendant on board any Ship that might be sitting in the Harbour, ~~which~~ preceeding has been approved of by the Admiralty and prevents any Officer from disputing the Authority — I have the Honor to be &c

A.S. Hamond

To
Rear Admiral Graves
Commander in chief of His
Majesty's Ships in North America

The Charlestown sailed 22nd August 1781.

No 2

Adm.l Graves.

20th August 1781

Sir

I had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 20th last month by Captn. Elphinstone who arrived here the 15th inst. with the Garland and Convoy. The Victuallers for Quebeck having sailed from hence some time ago, the Warwick with the other Ships proceeded without delay on their Voyage.

Letter of the 20th July received by the Warwick the 15th inst.

The Victuallers under the convoy of the Warwick & Garland proceeded without delay to Quebec.

The General commanding His Majesty's Forces here being extremely impatient to supply two of the Outposts St. Johns in the Bay of Fundy and Pendoscot with Provisions, I have hurried the Charlestown and Vulture out of the Harbour, and have desired Captn. George to convoy the Victuallers loaded for that purpose

The Charlestown & Vulture proceeded to Port Howe and Pendoscot with two Victuallers.

to

to the Places of their destination. Captn. George has it likewise in charge to take under his Protection to New York the Mast Ship from St. Johns agreeable to your Directions whose Cargo compleates within a few Sticks the demand for Masts. The other Stores shall be supplyed without loss of time, and will be ready for the Warwick or Garlands Convoy when they return.

The Young Williams Transport loaden with Masts sent to New York under Convoy of the Vulture of Charlestown.

The supply of Stores will be ready by the Warwick's return.

The Assurance sailed from hence the 9th Instt. with the Surprize and Danae in quest of two French Frigates which engaged the Charlestown, Allegiance and Vulture the 26th of last month off Cape Breton. For the particulars of that Action I beg leave to refer you to Captn. George, and to the enclosed Letter from Captn. Phips, who is daily expected here with his Convoy of Coal Ships from Spanish River. Should Captn. Swiney call off this Port in his Way to New York, as he intended, I shall recommend it to him to strengthen the Convoy to the Mast Ship by the Addition of the Assurance.

The Assurance sent in quest of the Hermione & Astrea French Frigates in company with the Surprize & Danae.

I have likewise the Honor of informing you that there are Masts cut, and now remaining under the Protection of Fort Howe to load two Ships. I have sent the Amity's Production Transport with the Charlestown to St. Johns for a Cargo thereof, which Ships will be loaded in three Weeks or sooner ready either for the West Indies or England as you may be able to provide Convoy for her, or as the King's Service may require.

Masts cut at St. Johns lyer to load two Ships The Amity's Production Transport sent there.

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I shall send another Transport to load the remainder of the Masts by the very first Opportunity.

Inclosed a List of the Outposts dependant upon Halifax.

I enclose a List of the Outposts dependant upon Halifax for every Supply by Water. It is necessary to mention that the Coast the whole Summer long swarms with the Enemy's Privateers for which reason I do conceive Sir, you will see the Impossibility of supplying them with any degree of certainty, unless there are other Ships stationed upon the Coast than the Albany and Allegiance, neither of which are of Force sufficient to be trusted at Sea by themselves.

The Albany and Allegiance not of sufficient force to protect the Coast from Privateers.

The Atalanta the only Ship in the Harbour.

We have no Ship in the Harbour at present but the Atalanta, As she was entirely dismasted and much shattered in her Hull some repair is required, which however will be compleated in about ten Days

I have the Honor to be &c

To
Rear Admiral Graves
&c &c &c

A.S. Hamond

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The Charlestown sailed 22nd. August 1781.—

№ 3

20th. August 1781—

Sir

I beg leave to acquaint you that the condition the Seamen are in here for want of proper Accommodation, when sent on shore sick or wounded for cure, is so very wretched, that, in my opinion it is absolutely necessary something should instantly be done for their relief. An old rotten store built upon

The

Admiral Graves.

the Waters edge, and with scare Floor or Roof to it, is the present Hospital, nor can any better Quarters be hired, so crowded is the Town at this time with Inhabitants. I have written to the Admiralty representing the necessity that an Hospital be built: and if you are pleased to give your Sanction to that measure, I will set about erecting a building immediately. I purpose that it be of Wood: The people of the Yard shall work upon it at all leasure Hours, and I shall take care in every other respect to Oeconomize the Expence which indeed I think will be but small=as much as possible.

The miserable State of the Naval Hospital.

Requesting his Sanction to build a new one.

Inclosed I have the Honor to send you, agreeable to your desire, Copies of the original Instructions of the respective Officers of this Yard, together with an account of its present Establishment and an Inventory of the remains of such Stores as are likely to be wanted at any time at New York. by it you will observe that the Navy Board has sent out Materials sufficient for coppering nine or ten Ships of different Rates from 80 Guns to Sloops; and whenever you think proper to send any Ships here for that purpose, you may depend that the utmost Expedition shall be used in fitting them. I shall not fail to conform to your Directions in transmitting by every Opportunity a Progress of the Works carrying on in this Yard, together with an Account of its State and Condition. But beg leave to remark

Inclosed Copies of the Instructions of the Officers of the Yard. Also of the remains of Stores.

Copper in store sufficient to copper ten Ships Bottoms.

Progress and State of the Yard to be sent by every opportunity.

that

that the intercourse between this Port and that of New York, is to the last degree uncertain, and has frequently for a length of time been altogether suspended, at the same time submitting to your consideration, how much the King's Service might be forwarded by the establishment of a regular packet between the said ports. I am informed by Sir Richard Hughes that Admiral Arbuthnot, sensible of its publick Utility had given him reason to expect that such an establishment should take place. I have only to mention that there are for sale in this Harbour several small Privateers, Prizes to the Surprize and Danae which are extremely well calculated for that Service — I have the Honor to be &c

A. S. Hamond

To Rear Admiral Graves
&c &c —

The great Utility of a publick Packet between New York & Halifax.

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✓ the Charlestown sailed 22 Aug. 1781.

Duplicates with the Inclosures to Letter N° 1 sent by the Assurance N° sailed 1 Sept. 1781.

Wallace & Co.

28th August 1781 —

Gentlemen —

The Jeanie Cartel not to proceed to St. Malos the Prisoners intending to seize her: to be paid for the time she has been employed.

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Having received undoubted Intelligence that the French Prisoners on board the Jeanie Brig, chartered of you by Sir Richard Hughes late Lieutenant Governor of this Province to proceed to St. Malos as a Cartel, have concerted means to seize the said Vessel, and carry her into Boston, or any other port in New England they can make: I have therefore determined

that

that the said Vessel shall not proceed as intended, but shall be paid for the time she has been retained in the King's Service agreable to the tenor of the Charterparty. - - - I am &c

A.S. Hamond

To Messrs. Wallace & Company.

Assurance

To proceed to St. John's River to strengthen the convoy of the Young William Mast Ship.

Sir

H. August 1781

His Majesty's Ship the Charlestown and Vulture Sloop having sailed from hence a few days ago, in order to convoy the Young William Transport laden with Masts to New York, I judge it necessary for His Majesty's Service to recommend to you to strengthen the said Convoy with the Ship you command, and in case you should upon your Arrival at St. Johns or afterwards on your passage towards New York gain intelligence of an Enemy's Fleet being upon the Coast, it will then be absolutely necessary that the Mast Ship should be convoyed back to this Port to prevent her falling into the Enemy's Hands.

To take the Recovery Transport to St. John's River.

I am also to desire you will give Convoy from hence to the Recovery Transport bound to St. Johns to load with Masts, which will be ready to sail tomorrow. I am &c

A.S. Hamond

To Capt. Swiney
Commander of His
Majesty's Ship Assurance

19 № 4

29th August 1780

Admiral Graves.

Sir

The Allegiance arrived with the Coal Ships from Cape Breton.

Since my Letter of the 22nd Inst. by the Charlestown, the Allegiance has arrived with her convoy of Coal Ships from Cape Breton. As that Ship's Bottom has not been cleaned since the Spring of last Year, I have ordered her to be hove down and refitted. The Atalanta has got her masts in, and is fitting for the Sea with as much expedition as the small Number of men belonging to her will admit.

The Atalanta fitting for sea.

The Jeune Cartel for St. Maloes detained.

Sir Richard Hughes having chartered a Vessel as a Cartel to carry French Prisoners to France, she was on the point of sailing when it came to my Knowledge that the Prisoners had formed a design to carry the Vessel to Boston, and as there are among them a Number of Surgeons, destined for the French Army in America, I have thought proper to detain them, and have discharged the Vessel.

Inclosed Duplicates of former Letters with returns from the Hospital and Prison Ships.

Inclosed I have the Honor to send you Duplicates of my Dispatches № 1. 2 and 3 by the Charlestown, together with the last Return of the State of the Naval Hospital here and of the Prisoners on board the Prison Ships

I have the Honor to be &c

The Assurance sailed 1 Sept. 1780.

To Rear Admiral Graves
Commander in chief of
His Majesty's Ships and
Vessels employed in North America

A. S. Hamond.

21st August 1781

Agent Victuallers

To follow the instructions of Lord Howe in 1777 relative to Provisions.

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 18th Inst. informing me that the Quantity of Provisions, which you have issued since the Year 1776 has each year as nearly as can be estimated amounted to a proportion of all Species for 1,500 Men: that the Provisions at present in your Charge amounts to a proportion of all Species for 1500 Men for nine Months, and desiring that I would acquaint you whether I deem that quantity to be adequate to the expected demand, and what proportion it is necessary you should in future keep in store: In answer I am to acquaint you that I would have you follow the directions of the Viscount Howe in the year 1777, or to such other subsequent directions as you may in that respect have received from any other Commander in chief on this Station I am &c

A.S. Hamond

To Alexander Thomson Esq.
Agent to the Contractor for victualling His Majesty's Ship at Halifax

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No 5

10 September 1781

Sir

As the Carysfort is likely to join you much sooner than the Assurance which convoys

the

Admiral Graves.

the Mast Ships from Saint Johns to New York in company with the Charlestown and Vulture. I herewith transmit you copies of my dispatches by those Ships. In addition to which I have only to state that the Chatham is refitting with all possible expedition, and her Prize the Magicienne which has been surveyed and found to be fit for His Majesty's Service as a Frigate of 32 Guns, shall be soon put in a condition for commissioning, if you shall think proper.

Inclosed Duplicates of Letters sent by the Charlestown & Assurance.

The Chatham refitting.

The Magicienne approved on a survey for a 32 Gun Frigate.

The Allegiance heaving down.

The Allegiance is heaving down, and the Atalanta will be ready for the Sea in a few days, if I can obtain a few more Men for her: Before she joins you I shall recommend to Captain Brett to convoy the Transports to the Coal Mines for the winter fuel for the Army.

The Atalanta when ready to convoy some Transport to Cape Breton.

As the Fleet under your command is considerably encreased, which may perhaps enable you to send those Ships here whose Bottoms are not sheathed with Copper. I think it necessary to transmit to you the Contractors Account of the State of our Provisions here.

Contractors Acct. of Provisions sent.

I beg leave Sir to inform you that the armed Schooner the Observer is in so bad a condition, that she has not been fit for some time past to put to Sea. I should therefore recommend that she might either be paid off, or another Vessel purchased, which by taking her Guns and Stores might be fitted out at a small expence

The Observer Schr. in bad condition.

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to Government: and such Vessels as would be proper
for the occasion are not difficult to be met with

I have the Honor to be &c.

A.S. Hamond

To Rear Admiral Graves
Commander in chief of His
Majesty's Ships and Vessels
employed in North America

P.S. Inclosed is an account of the State and condition of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels now in this Harbour

the Carys fort Captain Peacock sailed 10th instant with Duplicates of Dispatches No 1 and 3 and a Duplicate of No 4 with the Inclosures to Dispatch No 1

No 2

10th September 1781.

Sir

Admiralty.

Be pleased to acquaint the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that His Majesty's Ship Chatham Captain Andrew Snape Douglas is arrived here with the Magicienne a French Frigate of 32 Guns 12 Pounders and 280 Men commanded by the Chevalier Bouchtierre which was taken the 2d instant within three Miles of Boston. The Enemy engaged the Chatham half an hour (although close along side) during which time he had 32 Men killed and 54 wounded. The Chatham lost only 2 Men in the action, and had 4 wounded.

La Magicienne French Frigate taken by the Chatham.

The Carys fort arrived here yesterday from New York from whence she sailed the 31st of last month and brings an account that Rear Admiral

Admiral Hood joined Admiral Graves with 14 Sail of the Line & 4 Frigs.

Sir

The French Squadr. left Rhode Island the 27th. August.

By a Vessel of Mr. Abbots sailed 11th Septr 1781. the Seahorse

Duplicate for Admiral Edwards's Fleet from Newfoundland

Sir Samuel Hood with 14 Sail of the Line and 4 Frigates had joined Rear Admiral Graves a few days before. Also that the French Squadron under Monsieur Barras had left Rhode Island on the 27th of last month—

I have the Honor to be &c

Philip Stephens Esq.

A.S. Hamond

Sick & Hurt Board.

17th. September 1781—

Gentlemen

Sir Richard Hughes Baronet late Lieut. Governor of this Province having chartered of Messrs. Michael Wallace and Company Merchants of this Place the Jeanie Brigantine James Kerr Master, to receive on board a Number of French Prisoners of War at this Port, and to proceed with them to Saint Maloes in France, there to receive an equal Number of British Prisoners in exchange and proceed with them to the Port of Glasgow in Scotland: I am to inform you that it has been necessary to detain the said Vessel untill this time, and that I have now directed the Commissary of Prisoners to embark in the said Vessel one Hundred French Prisoners with Provisions for them for eight Weeks, and have ordered the Master to proceed accordingly

I have the Honor to be &c

To the Commissioners for Sick and Hurt Seamen

A.S. Hamond

The Jeanie Cartel for St. Maloes sailed 18 Septemr 1781—

England.

14 September 1781 — 24

Sir

Warwick.

The naval Stores to be sent to New York by
the constant Friends Transport loading with Stores for New York.
desire of Admiral Graves are in part loaded on board
the Constant Friends Transport, and the Remainder
will be put on board immediately.

I am therefore to desire that you will please
To be taken under the Warwick's convoy.
to take the said Ship under your Convoy, as I have
informed the Admiral by Letter that the ~~two~~ ~~first~~ Ship
shall be ready by the time the Warwick or Garland
shall return.

I Informed him of the sailing of the French
Squadron from Rhode Island, and the Arrival of
Sir Samuel Hood. Also that the Mast Ship from
Saint Johns which is intended for New York is
expected here every Hour —

I am &c
To
the Hon: Capt. Elphinstone
Commander of His Majestys
Ship the Warwick

A. S. Hamond

N. 2

17th September 1781 —

Navy Board

Gentlemen

A Copy of the Jeanie Cartel's Charterparty sent.

Inclosed I transmit Copy of a
Charterparty entered into by Sir Richard Hughes
with Messrs. Wallace and Compy. Merchants of this
Place for hiring the Brigantine Jeanie to carry
Prisoners to France, and from thence after receiving

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an Equal Number of English Prisoners in exchange to proceed to the Port of Glasgow in Scotland. It has been necessary to detain this Vessel here untill this present time; and I have this Day ordered her to proceed with One Hundred French Prisoners to Saint Maloes, and from thence to the first Port she can make in England —

I have the Honor to be &c

A.S. Hamond

To
The Principal Officers
and Commissioners of His
Majesty's Navy

If the Jeanie
Cartel sailed the
17 September 1781

Sir

8th September 1781

The two Transports named in the Margin are loading with Masts for the Navy at Saint Johns River in the Bay of Fundy, and will be ready to sail from thence about the latter end of next Month: I therefore think it necessary for the Safety of those Ships to recommend to you, at the expiration of the time limited by the Commander in chief for your cruizing off the South West Part of Nova Scotia, that you proceed to Saint Johns, in order to escort the two Mast Ships to this Port —

I am &c

A.S. Hamond

To Captain Douglas
Commander of His
Majesty's Ship Chatham

Amity's Production
Recovery

Chatham

To proceed to St Johns River to convoy the Amity's Production and Recovery Transpts from thence to Halifax

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Admiral Edwards.

Sir 16th September 1787

As the circumstances respecting the Atalanta have been so materially changed since I wrote you last: I am sorry to inform you that it is not in my Power to comply with your Requist of sending her to you, Admiral Arbuthnot having commissioned Captain Brett to command her, and also appointed a Lieutenant to her: I have therefore recommended to Captain Yea to proceed to New York with your Letter to the Commander in chief, but as he informs me that he is of Opinion that the Season is too far advanced to allow of his performing that Voyage, and return to Newfoundland before the time of your intended Departure from thence, and that it will be more agreable to you for him to return with a sufficient Number of the late Officers of the Atalanta for the Tryal of Captain Edwards, I have at his request given Orders to Captain Brett to send on board the Fairy two of the Principal Officers for that Purpose. Mr Winds or late Master of the Trepassey is the only Officer of that Sloop here. he is at present in a bad State of Health, but will attend you also in the Fairy, if the Surgeon of the Hospital will allow of his Removal.

The Atalanta not sent to Newfoundland.

The Fairy returned With some Officers necessary for the Court Martial on the loss of the Atalanta.

The Parts of the 42d Regiment shall be

forwarded

The party of the 12th. Regiment will be sent to New York by the first opportunity.

forwarded to New York by the first Opportunity as well as your Letter to the Commander in chief.

I agree with you Sir entirely that it is a Matter very unprecedented for Officers to be employed again after loosing their Ship without being acquitted of blame in the loss of the Ship, by the Sentence of a Court Martial: And how Captain Evans came to think otherwise is a matter of surprize to me: The Assurance having called in here since my Arrival I of course demanded the Men of Captain Swiney which he had taken from the Atalanta, and they are now serving on board her. Captain Brett, I should inform you has received Admiral Graves's Orders to put himself under his Command, and join him at New York, but at present we are under the necessity of employing her to convoy our Coal Ships to Spanish River. Lieutenant Arden left this Place some time ago, in order to go to England by the way of New York.

Some of the Atalanta's men on board the Assurance.

The Atalanta to convoy some Coal Ships to Cape Breton.

I have not yet heard of the Arrival of Admiral Digby, but have received Accounts that Admt. Graves had been joined by Sir Samuel Hood. Rear Admiral Drake and 14 Sail of the Line from the West Indies. The French Squadron under Monsieur Barras sailed from Rhode Island the 27th. of last Month, but to what part of the World is not yet known. The

Admiral Graves joined by Admiral Hood.

The French Squadron left Rhode Island.

Count

The Count de Grasse with 26 Sail of the Line were at Cape Francois the 16th August last, where there was also a great Fleet of Laraded Merchant Ships—

The French have at Boston a 50 Gun Ship armed en Flute, and two large Frigates whose Orders are from Mons. Barras to cruize off Boston for the Protection of the American Trade: This was discovered by a third Frigate (which was left with the same Orders) being taken by the Chatham. She is named the La Magicienne of 32 Guns and 280 Men has a copper Bottom, and seems to be a new Ship. She engaged the Chatham near half an Hour in which time she had 32 Men killed and 52 wounded — Captain Douglas lost only three Men—

La Magicienne taken by the Chatham.

I have the Honor to be &c

A. S. Hamond

The Hon.ble Rear Admt. Edwards Commander in chief of His Majesty's Ships at Newfoundland

(Per the Fairy Capt.n Lyc sailed Septem.r 1781—)

18th September 1781—

Sir

Chatham

His Majesty's Sloop the Atalanta, being refitted and ready for Sea, I have directed Captain Brett to put his sailing Orders into execution.

Orders to be given to the Atalanta to proceed with the Transports to Spanish River: from thence with a Brig to St John's Island

But as there are several Transports going to load with Coals at Spanish River for the use of this Garrison, I am to request you will give Orders for

that

that Sloop to convoy them: and having seen them in safety to that Place to proceed on with the Brig to the Island Saint Johns: and having allowed a sufficient time for that Vessel to unload her Cargo of Provisions and Stores, to escort her back to Spanish River to load with Coals. Also to convoy the Transports back to this Place as soon as they shall have compleated their Loading

When the Transpts are loaded with Coals to convoy them to Halifax

So Captain Douglas
Chatham

I am &c
A. Hamond

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25 Sept. 1801

Sir,

I have rec? your letter of the 13th inst. respecting the Two Transports, Friendship & Scanderoon; together with several Copys of letters, containing a correspondance between the Officer Commanding at Fort George & yourself respecting their destination.

Sent by the Howe Sloop from Annapolis —

Albany

Sundry Letters and Papers received.

In answer thereto I am to acquaint you that the Scanderoon is to be loaded for the use of this Garrison; and if it is in your power to purchase a Cargo of Lumber for the use of the Navy Yard, you will please to load the other Transport with

The Scanderoon to be loaded for the use of the Army at Halifax

The Friendship Transport to be loaded with Lumber for the use of the Yard.

with it, and draw upon me for the amount. But if you are not able to procure the Lumber conveniently, you will then inform Capt. Hartcat or the Commanding Officer of Fort George that the Friendship Transport as well as the other, will be at liberty for him to put on board whatever he may have to send to the Garrison here.

Both Transports to be sent to Halifax under convoy of the Albany's Prizes

As I understand there are several Prizes at Penobscot which are intended to be sent to this place, The Transports above mentioned may take the opportunity of coming hither by the same Convoy.

I am Sir

Your most Hble Servt

A. S. H.

To Captain Mowat Commander of H. M. Sloop Albany at Penobscot.

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25 Sept. 1781

Sir

Sent by the same Convey-ance

I have rec.d your letter containing Vouchers for different sums of Money paid by you for the Hire of several Vessels as Cartels to convey Prisoners to Boston, and informing me of you having drawn bills upon

upon me for the amount.

Albany

The Bills drawn for the hire of Cartels from Penobscot to Boston will be paid.

The Bills shall be paid whenever they come to hand, because I understand it has been the practice of my Predecessor (Sir Richard Hughes) to do so; but in future I shall not pay any bills drawn upon me for Cartels, unless I am directed to do it by the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in North Amer.a

All Prisoners carried into Penobscot in future to be sent to Halifax.

There is at this Port, a Commissary for Naval Prisoners, and an established Prison Ship to receive the Prisoners; also a regular Cartel agreed upon for their exchange between this place & Boston, and an account kept of the Debtor & Creditor on each side; It therefore appears to me, that all Naval Prisoners taken & carried into Penobscot should be forwarded hither for exchange, whenever the Rebels have any number due to them; which cannot be attended with much inconvenience, as all Prizes, I apprehend must be either brought here or to New York for Condemnation.

I am &c

A. S. H

To
Capt. Mowat
Albany. Penobscot.

27th August 1781

Wm Davidson Sir

In answer to your Letter setting forth that it is not in your power to execute your engagement to supply Government with masts without the Assistance of your Friends, and that for their satisfaction it is necessary you should be upon a certainty as to the Number of Masts that should be required, I do hereby acquaint you that in consideration of your services heretofore in that Business I will engage to encrease the Number eighty already agreed for to one hundred and fifty, upon the same terms as your last contract with Sir Richard Hughes: but upon these considerations that they shall be delivered at Fort Howe by the last of June 1782 — I am &c

A. Hamond

To Mr William Dawidson
Contractor for furnishing His Majesty with Masts from the River St Johns

Contract for furnishing Masts from St Johns River to be encreas'd from eighty to one hundred and fifty Masts.

Gen.l Monk Sir

14 October 1781.

The Commander in chief of His Majestys land Forces in this Province having acquainted me that there is a Transport loaded with Provisions for the use of the Troops doing duty at Liverpool which

To convoy a Trans.t loaden with Provisions for the Troops at Liverpool to that place.

waits

waits only for Convoy to proceed to Sea, I am to —
recommend that you take the said Vessel under your
Protection, and see her into Liverpool in the way to
your cruizing Station

I am &c
A.S. Hamond

To Captain Rogers
Commander of His Majesty's
Hoop General Monk

14th October 1781

Sir

Chatham — Having received Intelligence that His
Majesty's Fleet has returned to New York, after having
To convoy the Young William Transport laden with Masts to New York. been engaged with the Enemy off Chesepeak Bay, it is of
the utmost Importance to His Majesty's Service that every
possible supply of Stores should be sent from hence to the
Fleet as soon as possible, I am therefore to require that you
will take the Young William Mast Ship under your Convoy
and join Admiral Graves's Fleet with all possible —
expedition, acquainting the Admiral that the Storeship
The Storeship will be forwarded by the Assurance will be forwarded by the Assurance, or the first Ship of
War that calls off this Port —

I am &c
A.S. Hamond

To Capt.n Douglas
Chatham

Sir

16 October 1781

I am to acknowledge the receipt of
your

Garland.

Letter received from Captain Chamberlayne.

your Letter of the 15 Instant acquainting me, that if I have any Letter or Intelligence for the Commanders in chief you would convey them, and that you was sorry you was so restricted by your orders as not to pay your personal respects to me

I am &c
A. Hamond

To Capt.n Chamberlayne
Commander of His Majesty's
Ship Garland

Garland.

16 October 1781.

Sir

To convey the constant Friends Transport laden with Stores to New York.

His Majesty's Fleet having returned to New York, after being engaged with the Enemy, it is of great Importance to His Majesty's Service that the constant Friends naval Storeship should be forwarded to New York, as soon as possible, I am therefore to request that you will take the said Ship under your Convoy, for which purpose I have directed the Master to join the Garland, and obey your orders for his further Proceedings

I am &c
A. Hamond

To Capt.n Chamberlayne
Garland

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17 October 1781

Inclosed Copy of Admiral Graves's Letter of the 5th with the original Intelligence

Wrote to Capt Chamberlayne, inclosing a Copy of Admiral Graves's Letter of the 5th Inst. with the original intelligence therein sent, and desiring him to take the Transports for New York under his Convoy.

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17 October 1761.

Sir

Admiral Graves.

I have had the honor to receive your Letter by the Bellisarius which arrived here this morning. As no man has the forwarding the publick Service more at heart than myself, so no one more sensibly feels an insinuation of having retarded it. Had Captain Elphinstone chosen to have complied with my request upon his return from the River St. Laurence, you would have been supplied with the Stores the Fleet have been so much in want of. Where he got his information concerning the Young William Mast Ship not being loaded when the Men of war sent to convoy her arrived at Saint Johns I know not, but that Vessel has been loaded ever since the month of June last, and sensible of the great importance to the publick Service it would be to send her speedily to New York. I did not fail to recommend it to the Captains of the first Ships I saw disengaged from any particular Service after my arrival here to afford her Convoy

The constant Freinds Trans[illegible] intended to have been sent to New York by the Warwick.

The Stores you demanded were shipped with all posible dispatch: There was no delay but some little time was necesary to purchase and collect the Spars, of which there were none then in

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the Yard, and which made the lower part of the cargo. Finding that another Ship would be wanted, I applied to Captain Elphinstone to leave the Aid Transport, but by a Blunder of the Agent a very improper Ship was sent while the Aid went to Quebec. She is now returned with the Garland and in a few days will be loaded, and ready for any Ship that will convoy her.

The Aid Transpt. returned from Quebec and will be loaded with Stores in a few days.

I conclude that you had not received my Letters by the Carysfort, when the Bellisarius sailed from New York, and that you have not seen the Copies of my Commission and Instructions from the Admiralty appointing me Commander in Chief in this Port in the Absence of a Flag Officer or Senior Captain, which I had the Honor to send by Captain Peacock for your Approbation, Otherwise I should have apprehended that your orders for fitting the Ships would have been addressed to me. At present however I have not the pleasure to receive your commands respecting the Bellisarius. I only learn from Captain Graves that it is your direction she should be coppered.

No Orders received respecting the Belisarius.

It would likewise be needless for me to mention to you Sir, that as Commissioner of the Navy, all orders to the inferior Officers of the Yard must of course go thro' me, had I not seen an order from you to the Storekeeper to purchase a Prize Ship and draw upon

All Orders relative to the Yard to be addressed to the Commissioner.

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the Navy Board for the Money.

Whatever want of form there may be in this mode of proceeding, or however much I may feel myself hurt by it, you shall never find that I can on any account retard the public Service, but that every thing shall be forwarded with the utmost dispatch agreeable to your Wishes.

I have the Honor to be &c

A. S. Hamond

By the Chatham Capt.n Douglas sailed 18th Oct.r 1781.

To

Rear Admiral Graves
Commander in chief of His
Majestys Ships and Vessels
in North America

Indosed an extract of a Letter to Capt.n Elphinstone of the Warwick with the answer thereto.

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N.B. In the above was enclosed an extract of my Letter to Captain Elphinstone together with a copy of Captain Elphinstone's Answer as follows:

"The naval Stores to be sent to New York by the "desire of Admiral Graves, are in part loaded on board "the constant Friends Transport, and the Remainder will "be put on board immediately.

"I am to desire that you will please to take the "said Ship under your Convoy, as I have informed the "Admiral by Letter that the Store Ship shall be ready "by the time the Warwick or Garland shall return."

After communicating the Substance of your Intelligence by the Carysfort, I inform him that the Mast Ship from Saint Johns intended for New York

is

is expected to arrive here every hour, as I had received a Letter from Captain George, saying by the Advice of Captain Biggs he was bringing the Ship to Halifax, on account of its being reported that the Enemy's Fleet had sailed from Rhode Island, and might be upon the Coast.

Belisarius

25th. October 1780.

Sir

His Majesty's Ship Charlestown having arrived here last Night, I have given directions to Captain George to get his Ship ready for Sea with all possible dispatch; and as the Aid Transport is laden with naval Stores for the Fleet which are very much wanted: I am to request you will give orders to Captain George to convoy her to New York with as much caution as possible on account of the Enemy's Cruizers which may be expected on the coast

Orders to be given to the Charlestown to convoy the Aid Transport to New York.

I am &c

A S Hamond

To
Captn. Richard Graves
Commander of His Majesty's
Ship Belisarius

Admy. Digby

28th. October 1780.

Wrote Admiral Digby by the Charlestown, enclosing him Copies of the Correspondence with Rear Admiral Graves &c

Inclosed Copies of the correspondence with Admiral Graves &c.

29 No 1

28. October 1780

Admiral Graves.

Sir

I have forwarded the Aid Transport by the first Convoy that could be procured for her. She is loaded with Sails and Cordage, and such Stores as I judged would be most useful to your Fleet, under their present Circumstances.

The Aid Transport forwarded to New York under the Charlestown's Convoy.

The Number of Prisoners we have here is a great embarrassment to me, as we have only one Prison Ship to contain them, therefore I shall be under the Necessity of getting rid of a great part of them before the Winter sets in, although the Rebels are now 200 in our Debt, and the French at Boston owe us 35. Monsieur La Perouse sent a Cartel here lately, to desire I would send him all the French Prisoners I had, and he would give me a Receipt for them, but as I knew how much they wanted Men to man their Frigates, I evaded his Application, and determined to keep the Prisoners till the Season for cruizing should be over.

Shall dispose of some of the Pris.rs before winter.

The Atalanta with the Coal Fleet from Spanish River is not yet arrived. Indorsed is a Bill of Lading for Stores shipped in the Aid, a return of the State of the Naval Hospital and an account of the Prisoners in the Harbour.

The Atalanta not returned from Spanish River.

The Charlestown Capt.n George sailed 28. October 1780.

I have the Honor to be &c

A.S. Hamond

To Rear Admiral Graves Commander in chief in North America

Indorsed Bill of Lading of the Aid. Returns of the Hospital & Prisons

Return of Prisoners

Americans	510	
French	95	
	605	

Sick at the Prison Hospital

French	17	41
Rebel	24	
		605
		646

5th. November 1781.

Sir

I yesterday received Letters from the Masters of the two Transports named in the Margin to inform me that they had compleated their Lading of masts at Saint Johns River and should hold themselves in readiness to sail whenever a Convoy should appear for them. I therefore request you will endeavour to send a Convoy to escort them hither as soon as you conveniently can, and before the Season is too far advanced.

Amity's Production
Recovery

Amphitrite

A Convoy to be sent to St. John's River for the Amity's Production & Recovery Transpts.

I am &c
A. S. Hamond

To Captain Biggs
Commander of His Majesty's
Ship Amphitrite

26th. September 1781.

Major Studholm

Sir

Although I have not mentioned to you, the Recovery Transport, yet I should be glad to have her loaded as well as the other with all possible Dispatch, and whatever Masts remain more than those Ships can take in, I shall beg your Protection for, untill next Spring, the Season being now too far advanced to send any more Transports this Year.

The Recovery Trans[p]t to be loaded with Masts.

I shall desire you will please to let the two Masters know that a Convoy will call for them off Saint Johns about the 25 October at the latest, when I hope

The Masters of the Amity's Production & Recovery Transpts that a Convoy will call for them off St. Johns about 25 Oct.

hope they will both be in readiness to avail themselves of it.

We have reports through the Rebels that there has been an action between Admiral Graves's Fleet and the Enemy off the Cheasepeak Bay, but the Event has not yet transpired, and therefore I keep the Storeships here until I know where our Fleet is.

I am &c.

A.S. Hamond

To
Major Studholm
Commanding His Majestys
Forces at Fort Howe

26th September 1781.

Geo: Andrews Sir

I have received your Letter of the 19th Inst. with the Names of the Owners of Lands, where the Masts have been cut for His Majestys Service enclosed. The only Answer I can give to the claims of these People at present is, that I shall take the advice of the Navy Board upon it.

The Navy Board will be acquainted with the claims of the people on whose Lands on St Johns River Masts are cut.

It is my intention to continue you as Surveyor for those Masts Mr. Davidson is engaged to furnish, which I doubt not you will do all in your Power to forward the Delivery of.

To continue him as Surveyor.

I should be glad to know what Number of Sticks will remain at Fort Howe, after the Amity's Production and Recovery are loaded: and as no Ships will be sent this Year unless any should arrive here that I know not of within a few Weeks, I desire you will attend to the securing of

To transmit an account of the No. of Sticks remaining at Fort Howe after the loading the Masts Ships.

them

them, and follow any Directions you may receive for their Security from Major Studholm

Mr Hayes to see this Letter.

I would have you shew this Letter to Mr Hayes, whom I would have follow the same Directions

I am &c
A.S. Hamond

To
Mr. George Andrews
Surveyor to Mr. Davidsons
Contract for furnishing Masts
from the River Saint Johns

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12 November 1781.

Brig.r General Campbell.

Sir

The Master of the Scanderoon Transport having applied to go to England, his Discharge was given to him on the 6th. Instant, but he now represents that his Ship is not yet unloaded of the Cargo he brought from Penobscot.

Desiring the Schanderoon Transport may be unloaded she being discharged.

I am therefore to beg the favor you will please to give Directions for the Ships being unloaded as soon as possible

I am &c
A.S. Hamond

To
Brigadier General Campbell
commanding His Majestys
Forces at Halifax

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19 November 1781

Amphitrite

Sir

His Majestys Ship Belisarius having been refitted and ready for the Sea: I herewith enclose an Order to the Captain to put himself under your Command and follow your Directions for his further Proceedings

Indosed an order for the Belisarius to obey the Amphitrite's Directions

I am &c
A.S. Hamond

To Captain Biggs
Amphitrite

24th November 1781

Amphitrite

A Convoy to be sent to Liverpool for the British Queen Transport put in there.

Sir

The British Queen Transport laden with Coals for this Yard having lost company with the Atalanta in her Passage from Spanish River, and put into Liverpool I am therefore to desire you will please to send a Ship to convoy her hither

I am &c
A. Kamond

To Captain Biggs
Commander of His Majestys
Ship Amphitrite

24th November 1781

Adamant

John Smith Shipwright and Jas. Weeks Smith discharged from the Yard to be received for a Passage to England.

Sir

I am to desire you will receive on board the Ship Adamant for a Passage to England, John Smith Shipwright, and James Weeks Smith discharged from His Majesty's Careening Yard here, and for which you will receive the usual Allowance.

I am &c
A. Kamond

To
Mr. Charles Myatt
Master of the Adamant

25th November 1781

Admiralty

Recommending Mr Master acting Master Sailmaker of the Yard to be confirmed.

Sir

I beg you will be pleased to recommend to my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty Mr William Martin, Master sailmaker of this Yard, acting by order of Sir Richard Hughes Bart. late resident Commissioner here and request you will move their Lordships to confirm him in that Employment

I have the Honor to be &c
A. Kamond

To the Adamant
Capta. Myatt
sailed 28 Nov. 1781.

Philip Stephens Esqr

25th November 1780

Admiralty

Sir

No material occurance has happened at this Place since my last Letter of the 18th September last.

A Transport fitted for a Prison Ship

The great Number of Prisoners brought in here by the Men of War and Privateers during the Summer made it absolutely necessary to establish a Prison Ship for their reception. a proper Transport has been taken into the Service for that purpose and has been properly fitted up by the Dockyard. a regular exchange has taken place with the Americans and French Ingates at Boston, but there is a Ballance of several Hundreds in favor of His Majesty.

Stores sent to New York.

Having received a demand for Stores from Admiral Graves in the month of August. I forwarded a considerable Supply of Masts and Stores, whenever I could obtain convoy for them: And as I find a great Number of serviceable Masts may be annually supplied to His Majestys Navy from the River Saint Johns, I have contracted for as many as will load two or three large Ships to be ready by the month of June, which may be sent to the West Indies or to England as they may be most wanted. and enough will remain for the Supply of this Yard and New York.

Contracts for furnishing Masts from St. Johns River encreased.

Masts sufficient to load three Ships will be ready there in June.

Inclosed is a List of all His Majestys Ships and Vessels that have been refitted at this Port since the 1st August and also an account of all the Ships that have been brought into this Harbour during the present Year.

Inclosed sundry Lists.

I have the Honor to be &c

S.

Philip Stephens Esquire.

A. Hamond

The Adamant Chas. Wyatt Master

Duplicate

The St Laurence John Edmonds Master sailed 28 Nov. 1780.

25. November 1780.

Navy Board Gentlemen

By the present conveyance of Messrs. Watsons Ships you will receive an account of the remains of Stores in this Yard, as also a demand for what I deem a — necessary Supply, it will appear to be more considerable than usual, and is occasioned by the quantity of Stores of all kinds which I have sent to the Fleet at New York, to which place I have also sent the Young William Transport laden with Masts, Yards and Bowsprits from the River Saint Johns.

remains of Stores sent, and demand for a further supply.

Stores sent to New York.

The Young William laden with Masts sent there.

Having had that country accurately examined to the distance of eighty Miles from the Rivers Mouth, it is reported to me that a very considerable quantity of Masts from 36 Inches downwards may be cut annually for many years to come. I have therefore taken measures to secure the growing Timber, and have entered into another contract upon the same terms as the last for 150 Sticks to be ready by the 1st June next, which together with what are still to be supplied by the first Contractor will be sufficient to load two large Ships. I should therefore beg leave to recommend that the Stores intended for this yard be sent in Ships proper for the mast service: and if the Admiralty may think proper to recommend to the Commander in chief to furnish Convoy for those Ships they may be sent to England or the West Indies as they may be most wanted

One hundred & fifty Masts from the River St. John's contracted for, to be ready by the 1st June.

Recommending the Ships sent with Stores may be such as can take in Masts.

The two Transports Recovery and Amity's Production are now loaded with Masts and Yards, and the Belisarius

Capt.

The Recovery and Unity's Conduction Transpt. loaded with Masts at St Johns River. The Belisarius to convoy them to Halifax.

Captain Graves will sail for Saint Johns River tomorrow to escort them hither, but as neither of those Ships had Last Ports that would take in a larger Mast than 22 or 24 Inches, their Cargoes are chiefly of the smaller Sizes. one of the Ships will be unloaded here, and the other I have informed the Admiral is at his Disposal.

One to be unloaded at this Yard, the other at Admiral Digby's disposal.

La Magicienne purchased and commissioned.

The Magicienne a French Frigate of 36 Guns lately brought in here by the Chatham Captain A.S. Douglas has been purchased and commissioned by order of Rear Admiral Graves, and we are now fitting her with all possible Dispatch.

The Transports with Coals unload and will be sent to New York

The Thames, Genoa Galley and Scanderoon Transports are in this Harbour laden with Coals from Cape Breton for the Army, as soon as they are unloaded I shall endeavour to get them conveyed to New York in order to be sent to England, as no opportunity is likely to happen from hence.

The Juno Transpt. driven on shore & lost.

The Juno Transport has been driven ashore by the Enemy near this Harbour, and it is apprehended is in danger of being lost.

Inclosed a List of Ships coppered &c from 1st Aug. 1781.

Inclosed is an account of such Ships as have been careened, coppered, refitted or supplied with Stores at this Yard since the 1st Day of August last.

I have the Honor to be

A.S. Hamond

To
The Principal Officers
and Commissioners of
His Majesty's Navy

Of the Adamant
Chas. Wyatt Master.
Duplicate
Of the St. Lawrence
sailed 28 Nov. 1781.

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25th November 1780

Navy Board

Gentlemen

The Artificiers &c. requesting to return to England, it is necessary some should be sent from England.

I have had many Applications from several of the Artificers in this Yard to send them to England as the Term of three Years for which they engaged has been long since expired. I have hitherto evaded their Solicitations as much as possible, and have promised to represent their case to the Navy Board. I should therefore recommend that ten Shipwrights, four Joiners and a Blockmaker should be sent out to replace those that are desirous of returning to the Yards in England.

I have the Honor to be &c

A. Hamond

p the Adamant
Chas. Wyatt Master

To
The Principal Officers
and Commissioners of
His Majesty's Navy

Duplicate
p the St. Laurance
John Edmonds Mast.
sailed 28th Nov. 1780.

Major Studholm

The Proclamation issued by him will give the Enemy an idea of the consequence we consider St. John's River.

Dear Sir,

29th November 1780.

I have been favored by your Letter of the 20th Instant. I very much approve of the purport of the Proclamation you have issued, and would have it inforced. but I cannot help being somewhat apprehensive that if we let the enemy know of how great consequence we consider the River Saint Johns, and let them see our Anxiety for securing the graving timber that it will excite their Jealousy and become an immediate object for their Attack. Therefore in future I would rather have a trusty person sent among the Inhabitants to tell them by word of mouth what was

expected

expected of them, than by issuing a Proclamation that will undoubtedly be carried to Boston as a Voucher.

The Dock to be compleated in the Spring.

I am sorry to hear the Dock cannot be compleated till the Spring as I apprehended the winter season or rather the breaking up of the Frost to be the most dangerous time for the masts to be exposed: however if the work cannot be done now it must of course be deferred.

Masts to be secured as well as possible.

As no Ship will be sent for Masts sooner than the Spring. I should be glad to have those that remain secured as well as possible.

Requesting his opinion relative to building a Block House near the Mast Pond.

Mr. Hayes has represented to me that it is your opinion as small Block house on the Hill the opposite the Mast Pond for the better Security of the Masts from any sudden attack from the Enemy, and that it may be compleated for £130 currency.

If it is also your opinion that by keeping a Guard of 12 or 20 Men there, your Garison would not be much weakened. I have no objection to go to that expence, but I submit to you whether a Block house of one Story or rather a strong Guard house on your own side of the Pond would not answer the same purpose, and give the Guard a chance of retreating to Fort Howe in case of being seriously attacked. When any opportunity again offers I should be glad to have your Sentiments upon it.

I am &c.

A. S. Hamond.

To Major Studholm commanding His Majesty's Forces at Fort Howe

29. November 1781.

John Hayes.

Sir

The Block House to be erected if Major Studholm thinks it necessary.

If Major Studholm thinks the Block house absolutely necessary it must be erected, but am of opinion that a strong Guard house of one story high on the East Side of the Pond would answer the purpose.

No more money to be laid out in making Block Houses than what is absolutely necessary.

I know not what answer to make about the £90 for Oromucto. There was a Plan I understand laid by Major Studholm for the ~~erecting~~ erecting that Blockhouse. It was then deemed sufficient for the purpose, and money has since been laid out upon it for repairs. If any are still absolutely necessary to be done / of which I should very much doubt / they must of course be put in hand at a proper Season: but my resolution is to spend no more money upon things of that kind than cannot possibly be done without.

I am &c.

A S Hamonde

To

Mr. John Hayes

Surveyor to Mr. Franklin's

Contract for furnishing Masts

from the River Saint Johns

25th. November 1781.

Gentlemen

I have received frequent Applications from the Proprietors of Lands on Saint John's River complaining that their Estates suffer very considerable damages from the masts that are cut for the Navy destroying

Navy Board.

Referring to them for their opinion relative to the Owners of Lands in St. John's River where Masts have been cut having an allowance

destroying other Timber of less growth, and in drawing the Masts to the waters side. therefore pray to have some allowance made them in proportion to the Number of useful Masts cut upon their estates.

I think some small consideration should be allowed them, but for the present I have given them for answer I should refer the matter to the Navy Board.

I have the Honor to be &c

A.S. Hamond

To
The principal Officers
and Commissioners of His
Majesty's Navy

per the Adamant
Chas. Wyatt Master
sailed 28th Nov. 1780.

5th. December 1780.

Sir

Belonging to the
31st Regiment
Geo: Mc. Donald
Elias Richard
John Harcourt
Chas. Mc Intosh

Seamen
Jas. Wilkinson
Willm. Welsh
Jas. Clark
Stephen Fox
Provincials

His Excellency General Haldimand having applied to me for the discharge of four Seamen and four Soldiers named in the margin late belonging to the armed Ship the Jack. I am to acquaint you that the Soldiers are now in this Garrison, and that I will apply to Brigadier General Campbell for their discharge into your Ship agreeable to His Excellency's request.

The four Seamen mentioned in General Haldimand's Letter were carried to sea in the Chatham and I enclose a Letter to Captain Douglas whom you may probably meet with at New York informing him

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Pandora.

The Soldiers of the 31st Regiment now at Quebec will be discharged into the Pandora for a Passage there.

Sir of General Haldimands desire to have them discharged into your Ship to be conveyed to Quebec.

I am &c

A. Hamond

To

Captain Inglis

Commander of His Majesty's Ship Pandora

5th December 1781.

Sir

James Wilkinson
William Newish
James Clark
Stephen Fox

Chatham

Four Seamen of the Jack to be discharg into the Pandora

His Excellency General Haldimand having written to me in a very pressing manner to forward to him the four Seamen named in the margin which were part of the crew of the armed Ship Jack, I am to desire that you will please to comply with the General's request, and send them on board the Pandora to be conveyed to Quebec, informing the General by Letter of your having so done —

I am &c

A. Hamond

To Captain Douglas

Commander of His Majesty's Ship Chatham

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6 December 1781.

Sir

The Pandora having called in here in her way to New York gives me the opportunity to inform you of the occurances of this Port since my last

Letter

Admiral Graves.

The Belisarius coppered & refitted and sailed for St Johns River.

Letter by the Garland. The Belisarius has been completely refitted and her bottom sheathed with copper: and sailed from hence a few days ago to convoy hither two Transports from Saint Johns River laden with Masts.

The Amphitrite hove down and repaired.

The Amphitrite at the request of Captain Biggs has been hove down to inspect the copper on her bottom: All the other defects of that Ship have been repaired and in a few days she will be ready for the Sea.

The Atalanta and Convoy arrived from Spanish River.

The Atalanta returned from Spanish River the 21st of last month, but her convoy of Coal Ships were dispersed by bad weather. She sailed a few days ago to escort one of them which has put into Liverpool Harbour, and another of them (the Juno Transport) was chased a

The Juno Transpt driven on shore and lost.

shore near the Harbours mouth by a rebel Privateer and is entirely lost.

La Magicienne in forwardness.

It was necessary that the Frigate La Magicienne should undergo considerable alterations to fit her as an english Ship which however at present are in great forwardness.

I have the Honor to be &c

A. Hamond

To
Rear Admiral Graves
Commander in chief of His
Majesty's Ships and Vessels in
North America

& the Pandora Captain Inglis sailed 12 Decr 1781

17 December 1781.

Recovery Transport

Sir

The Belisarius having put back to this Place without having been able to reach Saint Johns River, it is thought advisable at this late season of the Year not to make a second attempt: but instead of it either that Ship or the Atalanta will be sent to port Rosway / on this side Cape Sable / to remain there untill the 30th instant in order to give you an escort to this Place.

The Belisarius or Atalanta will be sent to Port Rosway by 30th inst.

It is therefore my directions that you take the Amity's Production under your command and put to Sea with both Ships the first opportunity of fair Wind and Weather, and use your best endeavours to call off the Port of Rosway for your Convoy, to whom you are to make yourself known by hoisting your Ensigns at the Mast head and putting yourself under the command of the Captain of the Man of War and follow his Directions for your further Proceedings.

The Amity's Production with the Recovery to proceed to Port Rosway the first opportunity.

But in case by bad weather or any other unavoidable accident you should not be able to reach this Port, you are then to endeavour to make New York; but if you should happen to be disabled in your Masts and Rigging so as not to be in a condition to beat to the westward you are then to bear away for English Harbour in the Island of Antigua, and follow the Directions of Commr. Laforey for your further Proceedings

Not being able to fetch Halifax to bear away for New York or Antigua.

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I am &c

A.S. Hamond

To

Mr Robert Jackson

Master of the Recovery Transport.

at Saint Johns River

17 December 1781

Sir

Amity's Production

I have directed Mr Jackson Commander of the Recovery Transport to take your Ship under his command and put to Sea with the first opportunity in order to proceed to this Place calling off Port Roseway on this side Cape Sable for a Convoy which will remain there untill the 30th instant. You are therfore to comply with his Directions and use your best endeavours not to lose company, but in case by bad weather or any unavoidable accident you are not able to reach Halifax, you are then to endeavour to get to New York: but if you should be disabled in your Masts and Rigging, so as to prevent you from beating to the Westward, you are in that case to make the best of your way to English Harbour in the Island of Antigua, and follow the Directions of Comm.r Lafforey for your further Proceedings.

To follow the orders that may be given by the Recovery Transport

I am &c
A. Hamond

Mr Read
Master of the Amity's Production
at Saint Johns River

17th December 1781.

Dear Sir,

I shall be obliged to you to forward the enclosed Letter to Captain Jackson of the Mast Ship Recovery which contains orders for his Proceedings.

The Belisarius has returned here from an unsuccessfull

Major Studholm

unsuccessful attempt to reach Saint Johns River. but has taken the Harlequin Privateer of 20 Guns.

We have News from New York as late as the 20th November brought by the Lupar Frigate. The French Fleet sailed for the West Indies on the 3rd. of that month as did ours a few days after and Admiral Digby remains at New York with a 64 Gunship and some Frigates.

The Belisarius returned to Halifax after attempting to reach St Johns River.

Lord Cornwallis and most of the Officers that were in Virginia are at York and are going home in the Robuste and Europe with the Convoy.

Sam Vc
A.S. Hamond

To
Major Studholm
Commanding His Majestys
Forces at Port Howe

17th December 1781

Amphitrite

Sir

Admiral Digby informs me he expects the Amphitrite and Belisarius at New York. I shall send you a copy of his private Signals as soon as they can be made out.

To proceed with the Belisarius to New York.

Be pleased to make the Signal for Lieutenants and distribute the enclosed orders to the Ships in the Harbour

Sam Vc
A.S. Hamond

Captain Biggs
Amphitrite

Sundry Orders from Admiral Digby enclosed.

(Inclosed in the above)

Orders from Admi. Digby to the Magicienne to put for the Sea and follow Capt. Swiney's orders if there in port, if not to convoy any Ships that may be going to Cork 100 Leg. to Sea & return to N. York.

Allegiance Belisarius
Atalanta Magicienne
} Orders to put themselves under the Admirals Command

26th. December 1781

Admiral Digby

Sir

The Mutine captain Russell and the Mutine with the Story & Jane Transport arrived

Story and Jane Transport arrived here the 11th instant, but the Assurance did not get into this Harbour till the 17th instant. By Captain Swiney I had the Honor to receive your commands contained in several Letters and orders dated the 24th and 25th. of last month, which shall in all respects be punctually attended to.

The Belisarius returned the 12th Instant after making an unsuccessful attempt to reach the Bay of Fundy. She had been ordered to convoy the two Mast Ships from Saint Johns River to this Harbour, but according to Captain Graves's report bad weather drove him into Boston Bay. There he fell in with and took the Harlequin rebel Privateer of 20 four Pounders which is not yet arrived. He has also retaken a Brig from the West Indies belonging to this Town the Master of which reports that in the beginning of last week he fell in with a French fifty gun Ship, two Frigates, a Luggar and a Cutter with ten sail of merchant Vessels: These Ships came from Boston and were bound either for the West Indies or Europe.

The Belisarius returned after attempting to reach St. Johns River.

The Harlequin Privateer taken.

The two mast Ships will be obliged to leave Saint Johns River at any rate on account of the Ice and the only expedient that occurred to me for

The Mast Ships to come from St. Johns River, a Vessel to cruize for them off Cape Sable.

providing

providing for their safety was to send a Ship to the Harbour nearest to Cape Sable off of which I have directed the Mast Ships to call in their way hither

The present Hospital has been patched up for the winter and put in as good condition as possible The accommodation for the men however is still miserable, yet for this wretched Place Government pays an annual rent of £150 Sterling. The Situation I propose for the new Hospital is a Field of about three Acres leading down to the waters side immediately above the Dock Yard, and is by far the most eligable Spot in the Harbour I had in view the building it on the Dartmouth Side, but the inclemency of the winter season might in that case have prevented a regular communication during several months in the Year The Plan of this intended Building I have the Honor to enclose, and I am informed by the Master Shipwright and other intelligent People that the expence will not exceed £3000. As it is absolutely necessary for the workemen to have the winter before them, in which season only they can provide the materials, I have for a month past advertized to have proposals given in for erecting the work, but as yet no tender has been made me, nor has any thing else been done than merely the purchasing and planning out of the Ground.

Inclosed a Plan of the Hospital

Advertized for Proposals to build it by Contract.

The Ground for it purchased.

The empty Transports will sail for Cork

about

The empty Transpt will sail for York about 29th instant.

about the 29th of this month, or as soon as the Assurance can be ready to see them off the Coast.

Return of the Lowder for the Navy in store enclosed.

I enclose the return of the Lowder for the Navy we have here, which the Storekeeper thinks is not more than is usually demanded in the course of three or four months, but if you chuse to have any of it sent to New York it shall be forwarded by the first opportunity.

Some Stands of Arms sent by the Amphitrite & Belisarius.

Brigadier General Campbell having informed me Sir Henry Clinton had directed him to send 1500 Stand of Arms from hence to New York, I have ordered the Belisarius and Amphitrite to take on board as many as they can conveniently stow, and the remainder shall be forwarded in the Magicienne and Hussar.

Also six Tons of decoction of Spruce

The Amphitrite and Belisarius have also on board each three Tons of decoction of Spruce for the use of the Navy, what remains of twenty Tons will be sent in the two next Ships, and more shall be prepared in the Spring.

I have the Honor to be &c
A. Hamond

To
Rear Admiral Digby
Commander in chief of His Majestys Ships and Vessels in North America

by the Amphitrite Captn. Biggs
Duplicate by the Belisarius Captn. Graves sailed 2 January 1782

P.S. Inclosed is an account of the State and condition of His Majestys Ships and Vessels at present in this Port, the last return of the State of the Sick and wounded in the Naval Hospital, and an account of the Number of Prisoners of war in this Harbour.

Inclosed Returns of the Ships in the harbour; the Hospital & Prisoners.

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5th January 1782

Gentlemen

Before the empty Transports had sailed for Cork which I informed you of in my last Letter by Mr Watsons Ships. I received directions from Rear Admiral Digby to send them immediately to Cork. The Assurance is ordered to convoy them 100 Leagues off the Land, and then they will pursue their way under the direction of Lieutenant Ogilvie Agent for Transports

Storey and Jane
Scanderoon
Thames
Genoa Galley
New Phillis
Columbus
Nathaniel

Navy Board.

The empty Transpts sailed for Cork.

The Juno Transport, Davis Master, was driven on shore by the Enemy near the Harbour of Laurence Town on the 20th of November last, and had weather coming on afterwards, she bilged and became a Wreck. I sent the Officers of the yard to survey her, and finding from their report that the sending for the Materials to a Place where no Vessel could ride at anchor would be attended with an expence nearly equal to their value I judged it best to sell the whole upon the spot by auction, which was accordingly done for £150.

The Juno Transpt driven on shore, surveyed and the wreck sold by Auction.

The Magicienne will be compleated and fit for Sea about the 14th Instant and the Hussar of 24 Guns preparing to be hove down, and her Bottom sheathed with copper.

The Magicienne fit for Sea by the 14th inst

The Hussar coppering

I have the Honor to be &c

A. Hamond

To
The Principal Officers and
Commissioners of His Majesty's
Navy

Lieut. Ogilvie
Agent for Transports
sailed 12 Jany 1782

5th January 1782

Admiralty Sir

The empty Transports sailed for Cork.

Having received directions from Admiral Digby to send home all the empty Transports from this place, which will be escorted 100 Leagues on their way by the Assurance, I have the honor to acquaint you by Lieutenant Ugald their Agent that since my last Letter by Mr. Watson's Ships the Amphitrite and Belisarius have sailed to join the Fleet at New York, and that the Husar Captain Russell is arrived in order to be hove down and her Bottom sheathed with Copper.

The Belisarius & Amphitrite sailed for New York.

The Husar copper.

The Magicienne fit for Sea by the Assistant Lieut. Ugald Agent for Transports sailed 12 Jary 1782

The Magicienne of 36 Guns will be completed about the 14th instant, and will then sail to join the Admiral.

I have the Honor to be &c

A. Hamond

To

Philip Stephens Esquire

5th January 1782

Albany Sir

The Friendship Transport to be sent to Halifax under Convoy of the Howe Brig.

Having been informed from Brigadier General Campbell that the Howe armed Brig is going to sail for Penobscot, and that she will return immediately to this Place, I embrace the opportunity to desire you will send the Friendship Transport hither under convoy of the said Brig and if she should not already be loaded that you will give the master directions to take in whatever Lumber

Lumber the commanding Officer at Fort George has to send here: It has not been in my power to relieve the Albany or to send you either Provisions or Stores owing to a want of Seamen on board the Allegiance, and though it is expected that Ship will be ready to sail from hence in about ten days, yet as it is a matter of uncertainty I would recommend to you (if you can procure Provisions sufficient) to come here with the Albany to refit, otherwise you cannot be supplied untile the arrival of the Allegiance —

The Allegiance will be ready to sail for Penobscot in about ten days.

To come to Halifax in Provisions for the Voyage can be procured.

By the Transport having been so unexpectedly detained, against my intention, she has lost the Convoy to England —

I am &c
A. Hamond

To
Captain Mouatt
Commander of His Majesty's
Sloop Albany

7th January 1782

Israel Andrews Esq.

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 1st Instant making proposals for furnishing as many House Carpenters and Masons as may be wanted for building the Naval Hospital, and am to acquaint you that previous to the receipt of it I had closed with the Tender of another Person

The Proposal for building the Hospital cannot be accepted having closed with the Tender of another Person.

I am &c
A. Hamond

To Mr. Israel Andrews
Windsor

14th January 1782

Surveyor to the Hospital.

Sir

I am to acquaint you that I have this day appointed Mr. John Handasyde to act as Surgeon and Agent of His Majesty's Naval Hospital here in the Room of the late Mr. James Dickson

Mr. J. Handasyde appointed to act as Surgeon and Agent to the said Hospital in the room of the late Mr. Jas. Dickson.

To
Alexander Thomson Esqr.
Surveyor of His Majesty's Naval
Hospital at Halifax

I am &c
A. S. Hamond

29th January 1782

Recovery & Smith's Production Transports

Sir

I am sorry to find by your Letter of the 14 Instant acquainting me that you are short of Provisions that my order to you of the 17th December had not reached you. Those Orders directed you to put to sea the first favourable opportunity, and informed you that the Atalanta was cruizing off Cape Sable, and near Port Roseway to escort you hither. You will perhaps receive them at the same time, you receive this Letter, and as I understand they have been detained at Annapolis for want of a Vessel to convey them. They are to be put in execution the first favourable

The Orders of the 17th. December to be put into execution.

favourable opportunity, and if the wind should not serve for you to get round the Cape, and you think you could reach Lenobscot, I would rather you should do so than return to Saint Johns River.

I go to Lenobscot rather than return to St. Johns River.

The Atalanta will sail in a few days to cruize for you off Cape Sable, and in bad weather will put into Port Roseway.

The Atalanta to sail in a few days to cruize off Cape Sable.

I am &c
A.S. Hamond

To
Mr Robert Jackson
Master of the Recovery
Transport. Saint Johns River

A similar Letter to Mr Read, Master of the Amitys Production Transport at Saint Johns River

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29th January 1782

Major Studholm

Sir

I was favored yesterday with your Letter dated the 14th instant, by which I learn that my Letter to you of the 17th December and the orders I sent to the Mast Ships had not reached Saint Johns River. In those orders I directed them (in consequence of the Belisarius failing in her attempt to get into the Bay of Fundy) to proceed to Sea the first favourable opportunity, and sent the Atalanta to cruize for them off Cape Sable. The Atalanta will sail in a few days

The Atalanta to sail in a few days for Cape Sable and if the wind will permit to go to St. Johns River.

on

on the same Service, I have therefore directed the Masters of the Mast Ships to put my orders of the 17th December into execution: If the Wind and Weather are favourable, when the Atalanta arrives off the Cape she may perhaps proceed into Saint Johns: but as that is a matter of such uncertainty that I would not have the Ships wait for it, if the Wind is favourable for their going down the Bay: In short I would rather have them at Penobscot than Saint Johns, as I have not a doubt if they remain there in the Spring it would tempt the Rebels to form some expedition to destroy them: We have no Privateers on the coast, and I understand the month of February is generally more favourable for weather than the month of March so that I forsee little difficulty or risque in the Passage. I am quite of your opinion with regard to the Block House unless your Garrison should be reinforced which I don't think is likely to be the case at present, I shall however use my endeavours to obtain it—

The Mast Ships to go to Penobscot rather than to return to St. Johns River.

No Privateers on the Coast.

Coincide with his opinion relative to the Block House.

I have &c

To Major Studholm commanding His Majestys Forces at Fort Howe

A. Hamond

2nd. February 1782

Brig.r General Campbell.

Sir

As several of His Majestys Ships in the Harbour are short of their Complement of men, and as I am informed there are a great Number of Seamen at present concealed in the environs of the Town. I shall be very much obliged to you if you will give orders to the Officers commanding at the out posts to take all straggling Seamen that may come in their way without having Protections signed by myself or the Commanders of any of His Majestys Ships - and for an encouragement to the Soldiers for exerting themselves on this duty, they will be allowed forty Shillings sterling for every deserter they may apprehend and deliver on board any of the Kings Ships and twenty Shillings for every straging Seaman they may take up

Requesting Orders may be given to the Officers at the out posts to take up Deserters from the Navy

A reward of 40/St. for each deserter.

I have the Honor to be &c

A.S. Hamond

To
Brigadier General Campbell
Commanding His Majestys
Forces at Halifax

15th. February 1782

Sir

By His Majesty's Frigate La Magicienne

I

Admiral Digby

I have the Honor to inform you of the occurrances at this Port since my last Letter of the 29th Decem.r— From that period almost to the present time the Harbour has been frozen over, and the Weather so uncommonly severe that very little work has been done in the fitting of Ships—

The Hussar to have new Masts.

The Hussars Masts have been all found defective: New ones are made and got in, and the first fine weather the Ships bottom will be coppered— The Blonde which arrived the 6th Instant shall likewise be forwarded in her Equipment with all possible dispatch—

The Blonde to be refitted with all expedition.

A Vessel purchased in room of the Schr. Observer, which is sold by Auction.

I have purchased a Vessel agreeable to your order to replace the Observer Schooner, which has been sold by publick Auction with such of her naval Stores as were found to be unserviceable; the Ordnance Stores I directed the Ordnance Storekeeper to receive into charge. The new Observer is a very fine Brig mounting 12 Six Pounders, was a Prize to the Amphitrite, and has a good character for sailing.

The Ordnance Stores delivered into Store.

The new Observer a Brig mounting 12 Six Pounders.

As there was no established Lieutenant to the Schooner, and Mr. Windsor, who by my Order was appointed merely to take care of her, being in

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in a bad State of Health, and not well calculated for the command of the Brig: I have given an order to Lieutenant Crymes of the Allegiance to take charge and fit out the new Brig: he is an active deserving Officer, much used to these kind of Vessels, and being a good Pilot on this northern coast is extremely well qualified for such an employ[t]; I have likewise given an order to Mr. Windsor to do duty as Lieutenant on board the Allegiance in place of Mr. Crymes.

Lieut. Crymes of the Allegiance appointed to command the Observer.

Mr. Dickson the Surgeon of the Hospital who had long been declining in his Health died on the 13th. of last month: I accordingly directed his Assistant Mr. John Handasyde to act as principal Surgeon of the Hospital untill your Pleasure is known: He is a man of Abilities in his Profession, and appears to have given much Satisfaction to the Patients as well as to the Captains and Officers who have visited the Hospital since it has been under his care. —

Mr. Dickson Surgeon to the Hospital deceased Mr. John Handasyde appointed in his room.

The Severity of the winter has hitherto prevented the Mast Ships from getting round from Saint Johns River. the Atalanta therefore is still employed as their Convoy. She is now full manned and sails tomorrow on that Service carrying a Supply of

The Atalanta to sail to St. Johns River to convoy the Masts Ships from thence.

Provisions

Provisions which the Ships had become in want of
I shall send one of them to New York unless you are
pleased to alter her Destination—

Ten Tons of Essence of Spruce and 1000 Stand of Arms sent by the Magicienne.

The Magicienne carries ten Tons of Essence
of Spruce for the use of the Navy, and a thousand
Stand of Arms for the Army at New York, which is
all the Ordnance Stores intended to be sent from hence.

Inclosed State of the Ships Hospital.

Inclosed is an account of the State and
Condition of the Ships remaining here, and also
the State of the Hospital

I have the Honor to be &c
A. Hamond

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H.M.S. Magicienne
Captn. Scott
sailed 21st July 1782

Rear Admiral Digby
Commander in Chief of His
Majestys Ships and Vessels
employed on the Coast of
North America

Admiral Digby

6th. March 1782

Sir

This Sloop was driven to the West Indies.

The Albion Sloop belonging to this Town
being about to sail for New York, gives me the
opportunity of informing you, that the two Transports
the Recovery and Amitys Production laden with
Masts &c from Saint Johns River arrived here this
morning, and I shall forward one of them under
convoy of the first Ship that sails for New York

The Recovery and Amitys Production Transports arrived from St. Johns River

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I have the Honor to be &c
A. Hamond

To
Rear Admiral Digby &c
&c &c

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9th April 1782

Sir

Hussar.

Brigadier General Campbell commanding His Majesty's Troops in this Province has informed me by Letter that Peter Campbell a Soldier belonging to the Loyal Nova Scotia Volunteers has been forcibly taken on board the Hussar under your command where he is still detained under a pretence of his being a Deserter from the Navy, and desired that I would give orders for his being set at liberty to join his Regiment to which he has belonged upwards of five Years, and that upon proper Proof of the Mans having been a Deserter from the Navy, he will give him up to any Ship I shall direct to receive him.

General Campbell will give up Peter Campbell of the N.S. Volunteers upon Proof of his being a Deserter from the Navy.

I have also received your Letter informing me that your reasons for keeping the said Peter Campbell on board the Hussar, are because the Man says he entered on board a Tender at Leith in 1775 was afterwards sent on board the Conquestador at the Nore, from whence he was drafted into the Beaver Sloop, and being sent to assist to navigate a Guinea Man from an Island in the West Indies to another he deserted on account of ill Usage.

The reasons for detaining Peter Campbell on b the Hussar receiv

Upon taking the two Letters into

Consideration

consideration, and other circumstances which have been related to me. I am of opinion that however laudable and necessary it may be to detect Deserters, yet in order to prevent Animosities from taking Place between Army and Navy, on that account whenever they are discovered a proper Application is to be made to the commanding Officer of the Corps in which the man is serving: In the present Case it appears that the man was forcibly taken ashore from a Sergeant of the Regiment who informed the Officer of the Hussar who the man was: His being carried on board the Ship, instead of making proper Application for him, is an Act that I cannot give countenance to, and as there is no Person on the Spot to prove that the man ever did belong to the Navy, I shall untill the Books at the Navy Office can be examined comply with the Generals request.

Peter Campbell to desert to join his Regiment on George's Island.

It is therefore my directions that you send the said Peter Campbell to join his Regiment upon George's Island —

I am &c

A. Hamond

To

Captain Rupsell

Commander of His

Majesty's Ship

Hussar

No. 1

11th April 1782

Sir

Husar

Reasons to be assigned for impressing men from two Ships which had permission to sail.

Notwithstanding you was informed by my Letter of the 9th Instant that the two Vessels belonging to Messrs. Cochrans and Company had my Permission to sail from hence provided they had no Deserters on board from His Majesty's Service, I am informed by the Merchants that you have detained them by impressing four of their Seamen to which they had paid their Advance Wages: It is therefore my Directions that you will inform me of your reasons for having so done.

I am &c

To Captain Russell commander of His Majesty's Ship Husar

A. Hamond

No. 2

Husar

12 April 1782. 2 P.M.

Sir

The Vouchers relative to Peter Campbell's being a Deserter from the Navy will not be entered into, until he is sent to join his Regiment.

I have received your Letter informing me that you have sent by Lieutenant Swan what will perfectly satisfy both myself and the General concerning Peter Campbells having been a Deserter from the Navy: As soon as the man has been sent to His Regiment (which is the matter demanded

by

by the General, and is particularly directed by my order / I shall very readily enter on any Proof that can be brought of his being a Deserter, and will of course demand him from the Army if it appears we have any claim to him, but untill that is done and my order obeyed I shall make no enquiry into the matter. The Question now is whether you think proper to obey an order that I deemed highly necessary to give / for the purpose of preserving a good Harmony between the Army and Navy / or not. I therefore do expect an unevasive Answer in the course of this Afternoon

I am &c
A. Hamond

To
Captain Rufsell
Commander of His Majestys
Ship Hufsar

Hufsar.

13th April 1782

certificates relative to Peter campbell returned.

I am directed by Sir Andrew Hamond to return you the certificates respecting the Proof of Peter Campbell's being a Deserter from the Navy and to acquaint you that the General will give an order for his Discharge

The General will give an order for his dischaage.

I am &c
H. Turnbull

To
Captain Rufsell
Commander of His Majestys
Ship Hufsar

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13th April 1782

Sir

Hussar

Inclosed is an order from Rear Admiral Digby to put yourself under the Command of Captain Douglas of His Majestys Ship the Chatham whose orders you are to follow upon receiving any Directions to proceed to Sea

Orders received from the Chatham to be followed.

I am &c
A.S. Hamond

To
Captain Russell
Commander of His Majestys
Ship Hussar

16th April 1782

Hussar.

Sir

Inclosed I send you a Letter from Brigadier General Campbell respecting Thomas Moffatt and desire you will acquaint me of any Circumstances that will tend to invalidate the Testimony set forth in the Depositions and Letter accompanying General Campbells Application, as I may decide to which Service the man is to be considered as a Deserter.

A Letter from General Campbell relative to Tho! Moffatt enclosed.

To be acquainted with the circumstances relative to him.

I have applied to the General for the Men whose Names you transmitted to me Yesterday

I am &c
A.S. Hamond

To
Captain Russell
Commander of His
Majestys Ship Hussar

17th April 1782. 74

Hussar.

Sir

I do not think proper to comply with the requisition you make in your Letter of Yesterday. Mr Abbot is not subject to a Prosecution, nor does John Harrison come within the Description of a Deserter. That man was last Summer taken by the Rebels in the Trepassey Sloop of War of which he was Boatswain. He arrived in this Harbour in a Cartel, was regularly exchanged as a Prisoner of War, and not finding employment, or not having been called upon to serve, in the Station he had formerly filled in the Navy, he entered into the Service of Mr Abbot as a Sailmaker

John Harrison employed by Mr Abbott no Deserter from the Navy.

I have given you my opinion about this matter many Weeks ago. Mr Abbot so far from harbouring this supposed Deserter, applied to Mr Loader to have him put on board your or any other of the Kings Ships. The opposition made to the mans being given up when sent for, arose from the manner in which he was demanded, and from the conduct of the People you ordered on that Service. Mr Abbot may be supposed to have no wish to protect a man with whom he was disgusted and whom he had taken measures to be rid of

Mr Abbott had no intention of harbouring a Deserter: but had applied to have John Harrison put on board a King's Ship when he was supposed a Deserter.

I am &c
A.S. Hamond

Captain Rupell
Commander of His Majesty's Ship Hussar

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Husar.

19th April 1782

Sir

I understand from Captain Inglis that there are several men who were part of the Crew of the Prize he has brought in that are old Countrymen. I would have you inform yourself from him of their Names and Qualities, and if they are such as will be useful to you in the Husar I shall direct them to be sent to you, and you may either bear them as a Part of your Complement, or continue them as Prisoners to be delivered up at New York as you chuse.

Any old Countrymen found on board the Pandora's Prize will be discharged into the Husar.

I am in expectation of getting the Transport intended for New York loaded in two or three days, when you will receive orders from Captain Douglas to proceed to New York as the Convoy to that Transport and the one loaded with Masts.

The Transport loading for New York will be ready in a day or two.

I am &c
A. S. Hamond

To
Captain Russell
Commander of His Majestys
Ship
Husar

Husar

20th April 1782

Sir

I have received your Letter of this date.

The men whose Names and Descriptions you sent to me some days ago, the General informs me has been secured, and whenever you send the Proofs of their being Deserters from the Navy, that is two Affidavits

Whenever Proofs are sent that the men mentioned in the last transm General Campbell are Deserters they will be given up.

from

from private men, or the word of an Officer the General says they will be delivered up to the Navy If you have these proofs they should be lodged with the Town Major, who will lay them before the General.

I have also laid your Letter concerning the Pay, Prize Money and Cloathing of Peter Campbell and Thomas Moffatt before the General, who informs me that he has given directions that the account with Peter Campbell may be adjusted, first deducting the Bounty Money he received from the Army, but as he considers Moffatt to have originally been a Deserter from the Army, and still claims him on that Ground, he does not chuse to give any orders about his account with the Regiment.

Directions are given by General Campbell to have Peter Campbell's Account with his Regim.t settled.

Thos. Moffatt formerly a Deser.r from the Army claimed on that ground.

I have also received another Letter respecting your being intended by Captain Douglas to convey the Mast Ships to New York, and reminding me that a Fortnight ago I thought the Hussar an insufficient Guard to one of those Ships. The Conversation I held with you on that Subject was, that as the Blonde would be ready for the Sea in a very few days after the Hussar, and was likewise under orders to join the Admiral at New York, I judged it expedient that both should sail together, as well to comply with Admiral Digby's wishes in

To proceed to New York taking the Recovery Mast Ship under Convoy

having

having two Frigates always in company, as to give know force to the Convoy for the most Ship: the Blonde has since received other orders, and the Hussar will now proceed alone with the Convoy.

To point out the expedients for manning the Hussar & they will be taken into consideration.

You likewise mention in your Letter some obvious expedients which present themselves to compleat your Complement: you will please to communicate to me what they are, and I will take them under consideration.

The Master of the Amity's Production Transpt. ordered to get two men in the room of those taken up.

I am glad to hear, by another Letter of the same date you have secured the two men Jacob Harris and William Tuffen, Deserters from the Amity's Production Transport. I shall direct the Master to use his best endeavours to get others in their room, and in that case you may keep them for the Hussar, but if he cannot replace them the Transport must not be detained for want of hands, and they must be returned to her, as soon as she is ready to sail with you for New York

I am &c
A. S. Hamond

To Captain Russell
Commander of His Majestys
Ship Hussar

21st April 1782

Sir

As I understand the Enemy's Intentions are to annoy the Coasts of the Bay of Fundy during the

Atalanta

A Sloop at Windsor to be hired as a Tender to go into Creeks &c in the Bay of Fundy after the Enemy.

the ensuing Summer, by such small Vessels as may elude the Vigilance of His Majesty's Ships, by keeping in Creeks and shallow Places: should you find that to be the case, and are of opinion that a small Vessell by way of Tender to the Atalanta will be useful, whilst you are employed on that Service, you have my Permission to hire a Sloop which now lays at Windsor compleatly fitted for the purpose, which has been recommended to me by Judge Deschamps of that Place

I am &c
A.S. Hamond

To Captain Brett
Commander of His Majesty's
Sloop Atalanta

Hussar.

23rd April 1782

Sir

No disposable Supernumeraries in the Harbour.

I have received your three Letters of this Date, I do not know of any disposeable Supernumerys in the Harbour: It would be of no avail to apply to the General for a Party of Soldiers to do duty as Marines on board the Hussar. I know he cannot spare any: I have no objection to your preping on shore provided it is at an early hour of the evening, and that your Officers and men are accompanied with Peace Officers, observing that none of the Inhabitants, People belonging to market Boats, or Fishermen are allowed to be impressed. The two men who absented themselves from the Transport cannot be admitted as Volunteers in the Navy, but must be returned

To press on shore with Peace Officers

The men belonging to the Amity's Prodcl cannot be admitted as Volunteers in the Navy.

returned to her as I have before directed when she is ready for the Sea, if the master applies for them, which I have directed him not to do unless he cannot supply himself otherwise

To apply to the General in future relative to Deserters from the Navy.

I am under the necessity of hereafter referring you to the General, for whatever relates to your claims for Deserters from the Navy, and now serving in the respective Corps in Garrison here.

Indorsed Orders from the Chatham

Inclosed you have Captain Douglas's order to put yourself under his command

I am &c
A. S. Hamond

To
Captain Russell
Commander of His Majesty's
Ship Kufsar

24th April 1782

Admiral Digby.

Sir

The Kufsar and Blonde together with the Mast Ship Recovery were on the point of sailing for New York when the Chatham and her Convoy arrived on the 14th instant. By that Conveyance I had the Honor of your Letter of the 19th of last month, inclosing a demand for Stores. Lost no time in complying with your Directions, and have loaded the Amitys Production Transport With the best Spars that could be procured here at present, and ordered the Storekeeper to supply the other Stores, as far as

The Amitys Production Trans[t] loaded with Spars.

he

The Demand for Stores could not be compleated by reason of the small remains.

he is able. which on account of the small remains I am sorry falls short of the Demand.

The Navy Board inform me that they intend to send out early in the Spring two large Ships with Stores, which will be proper Vessels for taking in Masts, when they arrive I shall dispatch them to the River Saint Johns where there are Masts, Yards and Topmasts ready to load at least four Ships: The Young William sails tomorrow to that place, and if you have any Transport at New York of a good length that has a large Aft Port she may be loaded at Saint Johns River also in the course of the Summer.

The Ships sent with Stores from England will be dispatched on arrival to St. John's River for Masts.

I shall be glad Sir, to receive your orders respecting the destination of these Mast Ships. The Navy Board direct me to send them to Saint Lucia and Jamaica, but that must depend upon the Convoys you are able to afford them.

The Navy Board direct the Mast Ships when loaded to be sent to Jamaica and St. Lucia.

The Vessell you have appointed for the Packet is well adapted for that Service, and cannot fail of being a great benefit to His Majesty's Service, in keeping up the necessary communication between Quebeck and Nova Scotia with New York.

The Vessel appointed for a Packet well adapted for that Service.

The Admiralty have directed an Hospital to be built under my Inspection, and the Navy Board have sent out a Plan, but as I had proceeded before

The Admiralty directed the Hospital to be built.

by

by your Permission. their Plan will not be exactly followed, but attended to as far as is now practicable

The Blonde sailed the 17th instant on a Cruize into Boston Bay, where Captain Douglas expected She would join the Pandora, but a few days ago Captain Inglis arrived here with a Prize Ship the Lively a Letter of marque from Boston to the Havanna. The Pandora is now refitting, and upon the request of General Haldimand I shall hasten her to her Station as early as possible, and send the Transport for Coals under her Convoy.

The Blonde sailed on a Cruize into Boston Bay.

The Pandora refitting.

The Chatham is refitting, and will sail in a few days for Boston Bay. the Atalanta is cruizing in the Bay of Fundy, where the Enemy have already shewn their Privateers, and the Hussar has been detained to convey the Mast Ships to New York.

The Chatham refitting.

The Atalanta cruizing in the Bay of Fundy.

The Allegiance relieves the Albany at Penobscot, and when she arrives, I shall adopt the measure you propose of making her a Prison Ship as there is a very proper Ship here to replace her as a Sloop of war. I shall not fail Sir to obey your Instructions respecting the Prisoners, and shall communicate the Hints you have given to the commanding Officer on the Newfoundland Station.

The Allegiance to relieve the Albany at Penobscot.

On the Albany's arrival will be made a Prison Ships

The Hints relative to Prisoners will be communicated to the commanding Officer on the Newfoundland Station.

The Agent Victualler sends five Tons of Spruce

Spence

Essence in the Transports, and will continue to —
supply the Fleet at New York by every opportunity.

I have the Honor to be
&c.
A.S. Hamond

If the Hussar Capt.n Russell sailed 29 April 1782

To
Rear Admiral Digby
Commander in chief of
His Majestys Ships and
Vessels employed in North America

24th April 1782

Sir

Adamant

Captain Russell Commander of His Majesty's Ship the Hussar has acquainted me that there is a Quantity of eighteen Pound Shot on board the Adamant, which I am to desire you will supply the Gunner of the said Ship with one hundred.

The Gunner of the Hussar to be supplied with 100 eighteen pound Shot

I am &c.
A.S. Hamond

To
Mr. Charles Myatt
Master of the Ship
Adamant

3rd May 1782

Sir

Brig.r General Campbell

In consequence of your Letter of yesterday's date, I gave immediate orders to the Friendship Transport to prepare to receive the Troops on board intended for Saint Johns Island. His Majesty's Ship Pandora will sail from hence to her Station in the Gulph of Saint Laurence about the 8th instant, and if the Troops can be embarked by that time, Captain Inglis will take the

The Friendship Transport ordered to receive Troops for St. John's Island

The Pandora to convoy her there.

the Transport under his convoy, and see them safe to Saint Johns—

I have the Honor to be &c
A.S. Hamond

To
Brigadier General Campbell
Commander in chief of His
Majestys Forces in Nova Scotia

Atalanta

Sir

8th. May 1782

An express going to Windsor gives me an opportunity of acquainting you, that I have received your Letter of the 2nd. instant, and to express my entire approbation of your conduct, on the service you are employed on, as likewise to return you thanks for your useful exertions in defending the Province from the lawless plunderers that have lately done us much mischief, and been so great a Terror to the Inhabetants settled near the Bay of Fundy: I have nothing new to communicate to you at present—

New proceedings in the Bay of Fundy approved of.

I am &c
A.S. Hamond

To
Captain Brett
Commander of His Majestys
Sloop Atalanta

8th. May 1782

Sir

The Ship Providence John Shephard Master belonging to this place, is laden with Spars and Lumber

bound

Commissioner Laforey bound to the West Indies. The owners have apprized me that they mean to offer the Cargo for the use of His Majesty's Fleet in preference to any private Sale: They have therefore had my countenance and protection in loading their Ships, and on that account I recommend them to you.

The Cargoes of the Ships Providence loaded with Spars &c to be offered to Government.

I am &c
A. S. Hamond

To
Commissioner Laforey
or the Commanding Officer
of His Majesty's Ships
at Antigua

A similar Letter to the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Ships at Jamaica

16th. May 1782

Admiralty Sir

I have received your several Letters by Mr. Watson's Ships.

No occurrances have happened here since my last letter worth mentioning. The latest accounts from New England talk of an expedition against Canada, and if a French Fleet can be brought into the River Saint Laurence to co-operate with the Rebels if not then New York is to be attacked.

The Rebels in conjunction mean to attack Canada.

The River Saint Johns continues to furnish Masts uninterruptedly. I have sent one Ship load to Admiral Digby, another is now loading to go to him,

Masts cut at St Johns River to load three Ships.

and

and there will be Cargoes for three Ships more during the summer—

I am sorry to acquaint you that Mr Loader the Master Shipwright of this Yard, having been seized with a fit of delirium is rendered incapable of doing his Duty, and he goes home by this opportunity: I have directed Mr. Elias Marshall and Mr Thomas Johnson to do the duty, and as the former has been many Years the Foreman of the Yard, and is an able diligent Officer I hope the service will not suffer by the misfortune which has happened to Mr Loader—

I have the Honor to be &c

A.S. Hamond

Elias Marshall & Thomas Johnson appointed to act as Master Shipwrights in the room of Mr. Loader incapable of duty.

√ the Adamant Chas. Wyatt Master

Duplicate √ the St Laurence Edwards Master sailed 18 May 1782

To Philip Stephens Esqr Admiralty

Admiralty Sir

17th May 1782

I have the satisfaction to inform you that His Majesty's Ship the Blonde is just arrived from a Cruize off Boston, and has brought in the Lion, an american Ship mounting twenty guns, laden with Masts for the use of the French Fleet in the West Indies

I have the Honor to be

A.S. Hamond

The Blonde sent in the Prize Ship Lion loaded with Masts.

√ the Adamant Chas. Wyatt Master

Duplicate √ the St Laurence Edwards Master sailed 18 May 1782

To Philip Stephens Esqr Admiralty

16th May 1782

Gentlemen

I shall not fail to attend to the request you

Navy Board

Requesting to know if empty Transpts may be commanded home in the winter without convoy.

You make in your Letter of the 27th Decemr. and pay a particular attention towards forwarding every kind of Transport: the want of punctuality you complain of from the several Stations on that head cannot but be severely felt: I should be glad to know if you could have me risk the sending of Transports home during the Winter Season without convoy, should there be no appearance of one offering—

The Adamant Chas. Wyatt Master Duplicate

The St. Laurence Edwards Master sailed 18th May 1782

I have the Honor to be &c.
A.S. Hamond

To The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy—

Navy Board.

16th. May 1782

Gentlemen

A Brig purchased to replace the Observer Schooner

The Observer Schooner having been condemned as unfit for His Majesty's Service I have purchased a Brig to replace her by order of Rear Admiral Digby, and by his Directions I have also purchased a rebel Privateer Ship to replace the Albany Sloop which is found to be past repair—

Also a Ship to replace the Albany Sloop.

Rear Admiral Digby has purchased a Ship at New York to be employed as a Packet between that Port and this, and to be called the Halifax Packet: She is now sheathing with copper and fitting for that Service.

The Halifax Packet coppering and fitting.

I am sorry to acquaint you that Mr John Loader, Master Shipwright of this Yard was about a week ago seized with a fit of delirium which renders

him

Elias Marshall & Thos Johnson appointed to act as Master Shipwright on the room of Mr Loader incapable of duty.

him incapable of duty, and he returns to England by this opportunity - I have directed Mr Elias Marshall and Mr. Thomas Johnson to act in the Master Shipwrights Place, and as the former has been many Years the Foreman of the Yard, and is an able diligent Officer - I hope the service will not suffer by the misfortune that has happened to Mr Loader -

I have the Honor to be &c

A.S. Hamond

The Adamant Chas Wyatt Master
Duplicate
The St Laurence Edwards Master sailed 18 May 1782

To
The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy

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16 May 1782

Navy Board.

Gentlemen

Masts at St Johns River to load four Ships.

I have the honor to acquaint you that there will be as many Masts at Saint Johns River by the end of June as will load four Ships of which I have informed Admiral Digby - The Recovery Mast Ship is gone to New York - The Amity's Production's Cargo was stowed here, and she was loaded with small Spars and sent thither also - The Young William is now loading at Saint Johns River - I have informed the Admiral of your directions for supplying Antigua and Jamaica, and have strongly recommended him to furnish a convoy immediately from hence, each Ship intended for the supply of those Islands will

The Recovery Transport gone to New York.

The Amity's Production Transp[t] Cargo stowed, reloaded with small Spars & sent thew.

The Young William loading at St John's River.

Admiral Digby informed of the intention of sending Masts to the West Indies.

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be loaded with an equal proportion of Mast. Yard. Bowsprits and Topmasts

Previous to the receipt of your Plan for the Hospital I had received directions from Admiral Digby to lose no time in going on with that necessary work, and the Building is now in such forwardness, that the Frame therefore will be erected next month

The Hospital begun to be built previous to the receipt of the Plan.

The Adamant

I have the Honor to be &c
A.S. Hamond

Chas Nyatt Master &c

Duplicate
The St Laurence
Edwards Mast.
sailed 18 May p. His Majesty's

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy

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16 May 1782

Atalanta Sir

I have this day received your Letter dated the 14th instant giving an account of the proceedings of His Majesty's Sloop under your command to that time, all of which I most highly approve of, and am well satisfied that during your stay in the Bay of Fundy, the Inhabitants will experience from your Activity and Zeal that Protection from the Enemy they have for some time past been strangers to.

Proceedings in the Bay of Fundy approved of.

I enclosed is an order to raise Seamen and to bear them as Supernumeraries for the Fleet for Wages and Victuals untill further order

Enclosed an order to bear Supernumeraries.

I am &c
A.S. Hamond

To Captain Boyd
Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Atalanta

2nd June 1782

Admiral Digby

Sir

I am very sorry to inform you of the loss of His Majesty's Ship the Blonde which was wrecked in the Night of the 10th of last month on the Shoals of the Seal Island, a dangerous place at the entrance of the Bay of Fundy: the Crew were all saved and carried to the main land by two american Privateers, whose commanders behaved to the unfortunate people with great humanity —

The Blonde lost on the Seal Island.

Captain Thornbrough was returning to this port with a rebel Ship he had taken called the Lion laden with large Masts for the supply of the Enemy's Fleet at Cape Francois and which arrived safely here.

The Cargo of the Prize Ship Lion purchased.

I have purchased the Cargo for Government and shall forward it to New York by the first convey for your disposal —

There being no Ship of war here in commission when the Crew of the Blonde arrived I was at a loss to dispose of them and the best expedient that occurred to me to forward so useful a body of men to the Fleet at New York was to give Captain Thornbrough an order to go .....with his Officers and Men on board the Ship mentioned in my former Letter of the 24th April to have been purchased by your order to replace the Albany. She is now fitting as a Sloop of War by the Name of

An order given to Captn. Thornbrough to command the Cornwallis Sloop.

the

The Cornwallis to proceed to New York when ready.

the Cornwallis will carry Brass pounders and shall be forwarded to New York as soon as she is ready, which I hope will be in about ten days —

The Observer taken the rebel Ship Jack.

I have the satisfaction to inform you, that His Majesty's armed Brig the Observer commanded by Lieutenant Crymes, which I had sent to the relief of the Blonde's ships company has taken off this port a rebel ship Privateer called the Jack, mounting fifteen Guns, nine and six Pounders and sixty three men, after a very smart action, in which the enemy had thirteen men killed and fifteen wounded — The Observer lost three men, and had as many wounded Captain Thornbrough who was on board the Brig speaks with the greatest praise of the conduct and bravery of Lieutenant Crymes, who was slightly wounded in the action —

Copy of the Establishment of the Packet sent.

Not having received your directions respecting the Packets establishment, I found it necessary to fix a temporary one (a copy of which is enclosed for your approbation) consisting of a Master and twenty nine men upon the footing of a Cutter —

The Pandora sails for her Station.

The Pandora sailed from hence the 11th of May to her station, and the Chatham is still cruizing in Boston Bay, and it is reported here that Captain Douglas has destroyed several of the Enemy's Privateers in Boston Bay

The Chatham cruizing in Boston Bay.

Inclosed

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Indosed Letters from Lieut. Coymes & Capt. Thornbrough.

Indosed are Letters from Captain Thornbrough and Lieutenant Coymes — I have the Honor to be &c

A.S. Hamond

To
Rear Admiral Digby
Commander in chief of His Majestys Ships and Vessels in North America

The Albany arrived with a convoy from Penobscot.

The Halifax Packet John Dilworth Mast sailed 6 June 1782

P.S. 4 June — Early this morning the Albany arrived here from Penobscot with a convoy —

11th June 1782.

Brigr. General Campbell

Sir

I have just received your Letter of Yesterdays date requesting I would order Vessels to carry two hundred men to Spanish River, under a proper convoy, which as soon as I can provide you shall be informed of —

I have the Honor to be &c

A.S. Hamond

To be acquainted when a Vessel can be provided to carry two hundred men to Spanish River.

To
Brigadier General Campbell
Commanding His Majestys Forces in Nova Scotia

10th June 1782

Chatham —

Indosed a Copy of Admiral Digbys Order relative to Prizes.

Indosed is a Copy of an order I have received from Rear Admiral Digby Commander in chief of His Majestys Ships in North America, relating to Prizes that may be taken from the Americans, which you are to put into execution

I am &c
A.S. Hamond

To Captain Douglas of H.M.S Chatham

Also to Capts. Thornbrough, of the Cornwallis, Capt. Mowat Albany and Lieut Coymes, Observer —

15th June 1782

Ordnance Storekeeper

Sir

The Marines late serving on board His Majesty's Ship the Blonde having lost their Arms and Accoutrements when that Ship was wrecked on the Seal Islands, and they having been ordered to embark and do duty on board His Majesty's Sloop Cornwallis, I am therefore to desire you will supply them with the following arms Viz.t

To supply the Marines serving on the Cornwallis with Arms.

Musquets with iron Ramrods
Cartouch Boxes with Slings
Bayonets and Scabbards ---

} Twenty nine in Number each

To James Morden Esqure
Ordnance Storekeeper
at Halifax

} I am &c
A.S. Hamond

26th June 1782

Brig.r General Sir
Campbell.

I have received the enclosed Letter from the Master of the Pallizer Transport in the Service of Government sent to Spanish River to be loaded with Coals for Admiral Digby at New York informing me that Captain Evatt the commanding Officer of the Troops at that Place has refused to let him have any Coals untill he knows who is to pay for them—

Inclosed a Letter from the Master of the Pallizer Transp.t at Spanish River

Desiring orders may be given to the Officer there to load to load the Pallizer Hunter with Coal

I am to request you will please to give orders to Captain Evatt to supply the said Transport with a Cargo of Coals, and to draw upon the Storekeeper

of

of the Kings Yard at this Place for the Money—
I am also to desire that an order may be
given to load the Sloop Hunter for the use of this Dock
Yard which will be paid for in the same manner—
I have the Honour to be,
To
Brigadier General Campbell
Commanding His Majestys
Forces in Nova Scotia
A.S. Hamond

28th June 1782

Brig.r General Sir
Campbell. I am informed by the Observer armed Brig which is just
arrived here with a Convoy from Lunenburgh it will
join the Albany Sloop to strengthen the Convoy to the
The Convoy for Spanish River Transport bound to Spanish River, and both are ready
ready when the to sail whenever you chuse to order the Troops to be
Troops are embarked embarked—
I have the Honour to be,
A.S. Hamond
To
Brigadier General Campbell
Commanding His Majestys
Forces in Nova Scotia

4th July 1782

Brig.r General Sir
Campbell. Having just been informed by a Letter
from Mr. Prescot of Chester, that the Enemy's Privateers
The Lion Transport which have attacked the Town of Lunenburgh are in
sent to Lunenburg greater Force than was at first apprehended, and
to reinforce the that they amounted to seven sail at anchor off
Cornwallis. Lunenburgh Town on Monday Evening last, I have
reinforced

reinforced Captain Thornbrough with the Lion armed Ship, and have written to him to desire he will lose no time in acquainting me, if the Enemy has taken post in the Town, and if it be requisite for any land force should be sent to dislodge them: In the mean time I shall prepare the Albacore as a Convoy and shall give directions for Vessels to be hired to convey any number of Troops you Sir, may think proper to send on that Service —

The Albany will be ready to convey any Vessels with Troops in case the Rebels have taken post in the Town of Lunenburg.

I have the Honour to be,
A. S. Hamond

To
Brigadier General Campbell
Commanding His Majesty's
Forces in Nova Scotia

4th. July 1782.

Navy Board Gentlemen

Mr. John Flint Boatswain of the Hulk Pembroke, having for a long time past been incapable of Duty from a series of ill Health, has undergone a regular Survey, and is reported to be entirely worn out, and unfit to continue in that Station. He is therefore discharged from his Ship, and as the man has been many Years a Warrant Officer in His Majesty's Service, and has a large Family, I beg leave to recommend him to the Board for Superannuation —

Recommending John Flint late Boatswain of the Pembroke for superannuation.

I have the Honour to be &c
A. S. Hamond

To the Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy

5th July 1782 - 9 o'Clock

Brig.r General Campbell

The Cornwallis & two Brigs from Lunenburg at the Harbour.

Unnecessary to send any additional Force untill the Situation of the Enemy is known. ✓

Sir

The Vessels which appear off the Harbour are the Cornwallis Hoop of War, and the two armed Brigs that were sent with Captain Thornbrough to Lunenburgh. I apprehend therefore it will be unnecessary to send any additional Force to that place untill we have the particulars of the Enemy's Situation from Captain Thornbrough. A Boat is dispatched down to him for that purpose —

I have the Honour to be &c.

A. S. Hamond

To
Brigadier General Campbell
Commanding His Majesty's
Forces in Nova Scotia

1st July 1782

Admiral Digby.

The difficulty of getting Deserters from the Navy serving in the Army to be given up.

Sir,

As there are a Number of Deserters from the Navy amongst the Troops in this Town, which I find great difficulty in obtaining even after the men come to give themselves up: for unless there is an Officer on the Spot belonging to the Ship the man deserted from, or that two seamen can be found that will take an Affidavit before a Justice of the Peace, that the man did desert from the Ship he says he did, the Brigadier General that commands the Troops here will not suffer him to be given up. As this sort of proof can very seldom be had at this

Place

Place. The Deserters who offer themselves frequently
fail in their endeavours to return to the Navy: and
the enclosed Copy of General Campbell's orders will
shew how difficult it is for the Officers of the Navy
to assist them in their endeavours—

I shall therefore Sir, beg the favor of you
Requesting Sir Guy Carleton's advice may be taken on the Subject. to consult with the General Sir Guy Carleton upon
the proper mode to be observed to obtain the Deserters,
which will be a great assistance to the Fleet, and
prevent much ill blood between the Army and Navy

I have the Honor to be &c

A. S. Hamond—

The Cornwallis Capt. Thornbrough sailed 10 July 1782

To
Rear Admiral Digby
Commander in chief of His
Majesty's Ships and Vessels
in North America

Copy of Orders issued by Brigadier General Campbell to the Garrison at Halifax the 10 April 1782

Indorsed a Copy of General Campbell's Orders to the Garrison.

Brigadier General Campbell requires of all
Officers under his command, to be very attentive in
future to prevent any of the Officers of the Navy from
seizing upon any Soldier belonging to any of the
established Regiments or Provincial Corps, under the
pretence of his being a deserter from the Navy. And
if the Navy Officer and his Sailors attempt Violence
and Force to carry the Soldier on board, before it is
first proved that he is a deserter from the Navy, the

Land

Land Officer, or any commissioned officer there present, is instantly to procure land force to rescue the Soldier from the Sailors in a legal military manner: and no commanding Officer of a Corps is in future to deliver a Soldier over to the Navy, on any pretence whatever, without the consent of the Brigadier General. If he does he shall be tried for disobedience of orders ——

1st July 1782 — 10 o'Clock Night.

Alex.r Brymer Esq.r Sir

As I have just received information that the Town of Lunenburg was surprized this morning, and taken possession of, by a party of Rebels which landed from several small Privateers. It is my intention to drive the Enemy off as expeditiously as possible, and as neither of the Ships of War in the Harbour can be get ready sooner than tomorrow evening. I should be glad to know if your armed Brig which lately arrived is in a condition to go to sea immediately on this Service, as in that case I will hire her for the purpose, and man her from the Chatham. You will be so good as to let me have your answer as soon as possible ——

I to be informed if his armed Brig is in a condition to go to the Relief of Lunenburg.

I am &c

To

Alexander Brymer Esq.r

A.S. Hamond

1 July 1782

Agent Victualler.

To issue no Provisions or Cask to King's Ships without order.

Sir

It is my desire that no Supplies of Provisions or Cask of any sort be issued to any of His Majesty's Ships arriving in port without my approbation is signified to you. Likewise that no returns of Cask or Provisions be received by you from them without my order—

I am &c
A. S. Hamond

To
Alexander Thomson Esquire
Agent to the Contractor for victualling His Majesty's Ships at Halifax

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5th July 1782

Commissary & Agent Victualler—

Request to be complied with as far as possible

Gentlemen

I have received your Letter of this date, and shall comply with your request as far as it is in my Power — —

I am &c
A. S. Hamond

To
John Crawford Esquire
Assistant Commissary General
and Alexander Thomson Esquire
Agent for victualling His Majesty's Ships at Halifax

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6 July 1782

Sir,

The Service for the Vessels intended for the relief of Lunenburg being at an end, I am to desire you will receive into your charge all the remains of the ordnance

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Ordnance Storekeeper.

ordnance Stores that you issued to different Vessels upon that occasion_

The ordnance Stores issued to the Vessels sent to the Relief of Lunenburg to be received into Store.

Inclosed is a receipt from the principal Magistrate of Lunenburg for Powder and small Arms, which Captain Douglas thought proper to supply him with: It must be expended for that Service, and any order you think necessary for the delivery shall be issued

Inclosed a receipt for the Stores left there.

I am &c
A. S. Hamond

To
James Morden Esquire
Ordnance Storekeeper
at Halifax

10th July 1782

Admiral Digby.

Sir,

I have received your several Letters and Orders by the Charlestown and Albacore, which arrived here with the Amity's Production Transport the 9th last month_

The fitting the Albacore by the repairs of the Chatham.

Your orders respecting the Albacore have hitherto been delayed on account of the Chatham, which arrived in so bad a State that the chief Strength of the Yard has been necessarily employed to put her in condition to return to her station off Boston. The Master Shipwright is of opinion her Leaks proceeded chiefly from the Bolts in her Bows being corroded by the Copper: a great Number have been replaced and new Breast

Hooks

Hooks added, and the Ship strengthened on other places, so that she will be very safe as a summer Cruizer.

The Chatham not safe for a winter cruizer.

but is not thought fit for winter Service on this Coast.

The same report is made of the Charlestown, who is

The Charlestown fitting for sea, and will be ready with the Chatham,

in a bad condition repairing.

about the 20th instant

As the Storeships... which are expected

No marine Cloaths can be sent to New York,

from England are not yet arrived. I cannot send any marine Cloathing, nor have we any Topmasts untill

Also no Topmasts till the Ships from St. John's Ever arrive.

the Ships can be got round from Saint John's River—

The Pallisser Transport is still at Spanish River, having by the Officer there been refused a Cargo

The Pallisser Transpt. delayed being loaded with Coals at Spanish River for want of an order from the General.

of Coals for want of Brigadier General Campbells Directions. That order I am informed has been lately sent by the last Convey, which was the Albany Sloop of War and Observer Brig: They escorted the Amity's Production Transport, with a detachment of Troops sent for the

The Albany and Observer gone to Cape Breton as convoy to the Amity's Production with Troops.

purpose of raising Coals for the Army at New York—

In order to man the Observer, and make her useful on this Coast, I have been obliged to take thirty

Thirty men late of the Blonde in the Observer.

of the late Blonde's Ships company, which I hope you will approve of, the remains of all those that returned to this Port compose the Company of the Cornwallis—

The Cornwallis Capt. Thornbrough sailed 16th July 1782

I have the Honour to be &c

A. S. Hamond

To Rear Admiral Digby
Commander in chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels
in North America

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10th July 1782

Admiral Digby

Sir

Having received information on the 1st instant that six rebel Privateers had taken possession by surprize of the Town of Lunenburg in this Province. I immediately dispatched Captain Thornbrough in the Cornwallis Sloop to its relief, and as there were no other Ships of War in the harbour in readiness for the Sea, I manned three armed Vessels from the Chatham and Charlestown which accompanyed the Cornwallis Captain Douglas of the Chatham, and Captain Rogers late of the General Monk Sloop were Volunteers on this Service under Captain Thornbrough

The Cornwallis & three armed Vessels were sent to the relief of Lunenburg.

I am sorry to relate that they were not so fortunate as from their expedition they deserved: The Enemy having made off before their arrival: Captain Thornbrough stood on with his little Squadron as far as Liverpool, when not being able to gain any intelligence of the Privateers, he gave over the pursuit and returned to this place.

The Cornwallis returned: the Enemy having quitted Lunenburg before her arrival there.

The Rebels plundered the Town of Merchandize, wearing apparel, and other valuable articles to the amount of ten or twelve thousand Pounds, burnt the Block

The Rebels plundered the Town, burnt the Block and took the Colonel of Militia off with them

Block House, and the dwelling House of the Colonel of the Militia, whom they carried off a Prisoner, and after ransoming the Town for a thousand Pounds made off with their Booty —

I am apprehensive the Success the Rebels have met with upon this occasion, will embolden them to make many other attempts of this kind, therefore Sir, as the coast is unprotected by Troops, I hope you will think it necessary to station two armed Brigs in addition to the Observer to protect the Coast from these Plunderers —

Requesting two armed Brigs in addition to the Observer may be stationed on the Coast.

I have the Honour to be,
A.S. Hamond

To
The Cornwallis
Capt. Thornbrough
sail'd 16th July 1782

Rear Admiral Digby
Commander in chief of His
Majesty's Ships and Vessels
in North America

14th July 1782

Sir

Perseverance

In answer to your Letter of this date I am to acquaint you, that as soon as you have reported the Number of your sick, as well as the State and Condition of His Majesty's Ships under your command in other respects, to me as Commander in chief of His Majesty's Ships in this Harbour, I will give directions to the Surgeon of the Naval Hospital concerning

When a State and Condition of the Ships and of the Sick, orders will be given to the Surgeon of the Hospital to receive them.

Their

their disposal —

To
Captain Lutwidge
Commander of His Majestys
Ship Perseverance

Sam.l Hood
A.S. Hamond

15th July 1782

Ordnance Storekeeper.

To land the Powder from the Ceres & sift it.

Sir

The Powder on board His Majestys Ships Perseverance and Ceres requiring to be landed and sifted, I am to desire you will give directions for its being received on shore, and sifted accordingly —

I am &c
A.S. Hamond

To
James Morden Esquire
Ordnance Storekeeper
at Halifax

18th July 1782

Atalanta

The different Ports in the Bay of Fundy to be visited.

Sir

I have received your Letter dated the 13th instant. I am very sorry to hear you have lost so many of your people, and that your Ship has met with so much damage by getting on shore on Bone Island. my last Letter to you sent to Annapolis recommended your visiting the different Ports in the Bay of Fundy and then returning hither to recruit your Provisions: also that you left your

Tender

Tender in the Bason of Minas with a few hands, which upon occasion might be reinforced by the Militia during the time of your absence—

The Ship to be laid on shore to ascertain her Damage.

In addition to that Letter I should now recommend to you, that you lay your Ship ashore wherever the tide ebbs sufficiently to ascertain what the damage is you have sustained, which will prevent our heaving her down here if it should be unnecessary. I would however recommend to you to chuse a proper place, and if you take out your Guns I do not apprehend any damage will happen to the copper—

I am &c.
A. S. Hamond

To
Captain Brett
Commander of His Majesty's
Sloop Atalanta

P. S.— I have had several representations from the Inhabitants of Cumberland, respecting two men by the Name of Aynes that were put on board your Tender as disaffected People. That country is in so great a State of commotion on account of party disputes which prevail, that I am taking all the measures in my power to quiet them: The Judges are directed to visit Cumberland and report to me, what they may deem necessary to be done, more than

The men by the Name of Aynes taken up at Cumberland as disaffected People to be released.

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their Power extends to, and as my intentions are to draw an Oblivion over what is past, it is my desire that the men abovementioned should be set at Liberty ——

Admiral Digby

2nd. August 1782.

Sir

I had the honor to receive your Letter and Orders sent by the Halifax Packet, which together with the Savage Sloop, and a West Indiaman which they retook on their passage arrived here the 27th. of last month ——

The Halifax Packet & Savage arrived.

I send back the Packet without delay, laden with Essence of Spruce for the Navy and Army, and another cargo shall be ready against her return. There is so little Molasses to be had here that none can be spared at present, but if any should arrive I will take care to forward it by the first conveyance ——

The Halifax Packet sent to New York laden with Essence of Spruce.

No Molasses can be sent.

The Perseverance and Ceres came in to refit the 12th of last month, most of the Masts of the former & the Ceres refitting have been found defective and new Masts are putting in, and the Ships will be ready to proceed on their Station in a Week ——

The Perseverance getting new Masts & the Ceres refitting

The Albacore is compleatly fitted and ready

The Albacore ready for sea and will proceed to New York calling at Spanish River for the Coal Transport.

ready for the Sea, and will join you forthwith at New York calling at Spanish River for your Coal Transport.

The Chatham has had a quarter deal done to her and went to Sea quite tight the 23d July.

The Chatham & Charlestown gone to St. John's River for the Mast Ship.

The Charlestown accompanied her with an intention of bringing the Mast Ship from Saint John's River.

The Atalanta coming from the Bay of Fundy to be hove down.

The Atalanta has been unfortunate on running aground and is coming round from the Bay of Fundy to be hove down: I in order the better to drive away the Enemy's small Craft that infest the Bay of Fundy, I have complyed with Captain Brett's request on allowing him to hire a small Vessel for a Tender at £20 a month during the time he is stationed there, which I hope you will approve of as the expence is only for the summer months.

A small Vessel hired as a Tender to the Atalanta

Rejoice at the prospect of a happy Conclusion to the american War.

I rejoice very much and congratulate your Excellency on the favourable appearance you mention of our publick affairs and hope most sincerely nothing will happen to prevent a happy conclusion of at least the american War.

I am very sorry to find you have had so much trouble with the Prisoners, but have not the

least

Plan relative to Prisoners will be successful.

least doubt of your plan succeeding: had it been adopted from the beginning we should have made a very different figure in the War than what we have done —

Le Levrier Schooner would have been purchased had she been fit for the Kings Service.

Had the French Schooner Le Levrier brought in by the Perseverance been a proper Vessel for a Sloop of War, or an armed Vessel to have been commanded by a Lieutenant, I should have prevented her being sold to the Merchants untill your pleasure had been known — but I did not like her at all —

The Merchants informed they are to have nothing to do with the Packet.

I have informed the Merchants that they are to have nothing to do with the Packet. I hope however you will find her too useful a Vessel to be given up. If her complement is kept compleat to thirty men she will be just as useful an armed Vessel as any other upon the coast: and as she will be a great convenience to the Army, it will be well worth their while to send a Sergeants Party on board —

The Halifax Packet sailed 10 Augt 1782

I have nothing new to inform you of from this Province but that we are anxiously looking out for our Store ships from England —

I have the Honor to be &c

To Rear Admiral Digby Commander in chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in North America

A. Hamond

7th August 1782

John Hayes Esq

I have received your Letter dated the 30th of July — In regard to the Mast Pound you must make out a proper account of your expences thereon, and after it is properly vouched I shall give the Storekeeper orders to pay the amount —

To make out a proper Account with Vouchers for the expence of the Mast Pond &c. it will be paid.

I approve of the manner you propose to place and secure the Masts in the Pound, and desire that you will arrange them in readiness for shipping as you mention —

To arrange the Masts ready for shipping.

The four rudder chains and the four Jop Chains which you deem necessary for securing the Booms of the Pound may be applied to that purpose —

The Chains may be applied to securing the Booms of the Pound.

As many of the Articles as can be supplied from hence, which you have demanded shall be forwarded by the first Transport —

Articles demand'd will be sent.

The Jopmasts you have provided should be eight squared if it could be done, if not they must be shipped in the rough, and you may draw on the Storekeeper for the amount, when they are absolutely delivered into the Pound ready for shipping —

The Jopmasts to be eight squared.

I should be glad to have a particular account of all the Spars of every denomination, that are now under the protection of the Kings Post at Saint Johns, after the loading of the Young William and that you will inform me, how many Ships it will

To transmit an account of the Spars remaining after loading the Young William

will require to carry them away—

Rely on your care of the Masts, and

I am &c
A.S. Hamond

To
Mr. John Hayes
Purveyor of Masts
at St. Johns River

A Drawing of the Mast Pound to be sent.

S.L. A proper drawing of the Mast Pound is wanting with a Scale to it to describe its dimensions and to ascertain how many Spars it will contain

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7th August 1782

Young William Transport.

Sir

I have received your Letter dated the 30th of July by Major Studholm, and approve very much of the Steps you have taken to defend your Ship against the attempts of the Enemy—

Approve of the Steps taken to defend the Ship against the Enemy's attempts.

As I apprehend by this time the Convoy must have arrived at Saint Johns River, it will be needless to send you any Supplies: However if your Friend in Halifax applies when any Store Ship is going out bound to Saint Johns, I will give orders for your Supplies to be taken in—

The Supplies not sent.

I am &c
A.S. Hamond

To
The Master of the
Young William Transport
at St. Johns River

23d June 1782

Brig.r General Campbell

Sir

The Albany Sloop is the convoy intended for the Transport that carries the Detachment to Spanish River: The other men of War in the Harbour are refitting and not in condition to go to Sea: but if you are of opinion that the Transport should not proceed with the Albany alone, and chuse to wait untill the arrival of the Observer (which may be expected in a few days) that Vessel will be sent to strengthen the convoy

The Observer on arrival will strengthen the convoy to the Ships carrying Troops to Spanish River.

I have the Honor to be,
A.S. Hamond

To
Brigadier General Campbell
Commanding His Majestys
Forces in Nova Scotia

8th August 1782

Perseverance Sir

Having been informed that a Privateer is in sight cruizing off the Harbour, I do not think it safe that the Packet should proceed to sea without a convoy to see her off the land. I have also received a petition from the Body of Merchants residing in this Place praying for protection for their Ships from England, which with the Storeships and Victuallers are hourly expected. I therefore recommend to you for the Benefit of His Majesty's Service to give orders to Captain Balleott of His Majesty's Sloop Albacore

The Albacore to be directed to see the Packet off the Land, and cruize to the eastward for a Week.

Albacore whom I have directed to proceed to sea immediately to see the Packet ten Leagues off the Shore, and then to cruize within sight of the Harbours Mouth, for the purpose of giving Protection to Ships bound hither, keeping a look out chiefly for those expected from the Eastward, to continue on this Service for a Week unless the Convoys should arrive sooner—

I am &c
A.S. Hamond

To
Captain Lutwidge
Commander of His Majestys
Ship Perseverance

Purveyor to the Hospital

To supply the Surgeon of the Hospital with Bathing Tubs.

13th August 1782

Sir

Inclosed is a Letter from the Surgeon of His Majestys Naval Hospital at this Port, representing that men are frequently landed from Ships of War in a very unclean condition and their Skins foul and dirty, and that in his opinion Bathing in warm Baths would totally remove that inconvenience

It is therefore my direction that Bathing Tubs of the dimensions therein specified be supplyed His Majestys Naval Hospital accordingly—

I am &c
A.S. Hamond

To
Alexander Thomson Esq
Purveyor to His Majestys
Naval Hospital at Halifax

14th August 1782

Brig.r General Campbell

Sir

His Majesty's Ships Emerald and Cyclops being arrived from England with Transports under their convoy, having on board 2100 Troops, chiefly recruits for the different foreign Regiments in America: I should be glad to know if you would chuse to have the Troops landed from the Transports, as the Men of War bring no other orders respecting them than directions to forward a Packet from the Admiralty to Admiral Digby at New York and to wait here untill they receive further orders from him for their future proceedings—

Desiring to know if the German Troops arrived from England in the Transports under convoy of the Emerald & Cyclops are to be landed.

I have the Honor to be,

To Brigadier General Campbell commanding His Majestys Troops in Nova Scotia

A.S. Hamond

P.S. I shall direct the Agent of the Transports to wait upon you with the return of the Troops on board the different Transports—

14th August 1782.

Brig.r General Campbell

Sir

I have received your Letter of this date communicating to me an extract of His Excellency Sir Guy Carleton's orders to you dated the 30th of May, respecting his Intentions for the Reinforcement

No time will be lost in getting the Transports ready to forward the German Troops to New York.

Reinforcement arrived here to be forwarded to New York: In consequence of which I have given the necessary orders, and as soon as the Ships of War and Transports are put in a proper condition for the Sea, no time shall be lost in sending them forward to the place of their destination

I have the Honor to &c.

A.S. Hamond

To
Brigadier General Campbell
Commanding His Majesty's
Troops in Nova Scotia

15th August 1782

Brig.r General Campbell.

Sir

In answer to your Letter of this date, desiring to know how many days the Ships of War and Transports will take to be in a proper condition for the Sea: I am to acquaint you that according to the reports made to me, it will be about four or five days exclusive of the present before they will be able to proceed.

The Transports for New York will be ready in four or five days.

There is not at present any Frigate or fast sailing Vessel in the Harbour that could sail tomorrow for the purpose you desire of forwarding Letters to Sir Guy Carleton, but as the Albacore now cruizing off the Harbour is expected to arrive in two

No fast sailing Vessel in the Harbour that could proceed immediately to New York.

or

the Albacore expected in two days and may be dispatched then.

two or three days, she may be dispatched on that service if you require it—

In regard to detaining the Reinforcement of foreign Troops untill you hear from the Commander in chief, I cannot take upon me to judge in the least of the propriety of the measure—

can give no opinion relative to detaining the foreign Troops.

I have the Honour to be,
A.S. Hamond

To Brigadier General Campbell Commanding His Majesty's Troops in Nova Scotia

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15th August 1782

To Brig.r General Campbell

Sir

I acknowledge the receipt of another Letter of yours of this date informing me of your intention to detain the reinforcement untill you receive the Commander in chiefs further Instructions, and requesting a Frigate may be got ready to proceed to New York tomorrow if the Albacore does not appear: And in answer thereto am to inform you that neither of the Frigates in the Harbour can be got ready to sail sooner than Sunday next the 18th instant, before which time there is great reason to expect the Albacore will arrive when Captain Balcett will take charge of the Letters you desire and convey them to New York—

No Frigate can be got ready to proceed to New York with Dispatches before the 18th instant

I have the Honor to be
A.S. Hamond

To Brigadier General Campbell Commanding His Majesty's Troops in Nova Scotia

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16th. August 1782

Brigr. General Campbell

Sir

I have just received your Letter dated yesterday informing me that it is now your intentions the German Troops should proceed to New York. I shall therefore forward them and their convoy as soon as they can be got ready—

The convoy with the German Troops will be forwarded to New York as soon as possible.

I have the Honor to be &c.

A.S. Hamond

To
Brigadier General Campbell
commanding His Majestys
Troops in Nova Scotia

17th. August 1782

Admiral Digby

Sir

I had the Honor to receive your several Letters by the Diligence Schooner and Hussar, both of which arrived here yesterday. The News they bring respecting the French Fleet shall be communicated as fast as possible, and as it is of the utmost consequence that General Haldimand should be informed of a matter of so great importance the Hussar is dispatched by Captain Lutwidge agreeable to the sence of your Letter of the 6th. instant—

The Diligence Schr. and Hussar arrived

The Hussar dispatch. to Quebec with the News respecting the French Fleet.

A few days ago the Emerald and Cyclops Frigates with Transports under their Convoy having on board two thousand one hundred German Troops arrived

The Emerald and Cyclops arrived from England with a convoy having 2100 German Troops on board.

arrived here: I dispatch the Albacore with a copy of Captain Knells orders, and the enclosed Letter from the Admiralty—

Inclosed a report of the Survey on the Savage.

I am sorry to inform you the Savage is found to be so bad in her fastning that by Captain Oakes's application, a survey has been held upon her, and the report is enclosed—

The Mast Ships arrived from St. Johns River under the convoy of the Charlestown.

The Charlestown appeared off the Harbour yesterday having convoyed a Mast Ship from Saint Johns and returned immediately for Boston Bay

The Charlestown returned to Boston Bay.

I should be uneasy for Captain George's situation had I not learned that he spoke with the Diligence which informed him of the French Fleet being upon the Coast— I am sorry to acquaint you they have

The Alligiance taken by the French Fleet.

taken the Alligiance—

The Packet sailed the 6th Inst. with Essence of Spruce.

I hope the Packet will be arrived as she sailed from hence the 10th instant and carried a large quantity of Essence of Spruce. There is twenty

Twenty Sons on board the Pallisser designed for the first Convoy.

Sons more on board the Pallisser Transport which will come round with the first convoy—

No Stores can be supplied New York except Masts and Topmasts.

Our Stores are so entirely exhausted that the Storekeeper cannot supply any of the Articles demanded except Masts and Topmasts which shall

come

come round when the Convoy sails —

To
Rear Admiral Digby
Commander in chief of
His Majesty's Ships and
Vessels in North America

I have the Honor to be &c.
A.S. Hamond

Pd the Allacove
Capt. Cafcett
sailed 19 Augt 1782

18th August 1782

Ordnance Storekeeper.

Sir

One hundred Stand of Arms supplied for the use of the Militia of His Majesty's careening Yard having been returned into store as unserviceable. I am to desire you will be pleased to supply one hundred Stand of serviceable Arms in lieu thereof

To supply the Dock Yard Militia with 100 Stand of serviceable Arms in lieu of those returned.

To
James Morden Esquire
Ordnance Storekeeper
at Halifax

I am &c
A.S. Hamond

19th August 1782

Capt. Mowatt Sir,

I have received your Letter of this date acquainting me that your private concerns require your personal attendance for a few days at New York, and requesting my leave to go there in the first King's Ship that may sail for that place. In answer to which I am to inform you that His Majesty's

Leave granted to go to New York.

Majesty's Ship the Lively will sail from hence for New York tomorrow, and that you have my permission to embark in her agreeable to your request—

I am &c.ª

To
Captain Henry Mowat—

A.S. Hamond

20th August 1782

Brig.r General Campbell

Sir

In answer to your Letter respecting my opinion of the propriety of the Troops arrived proceeding immediately to New York, I am inclined to think that measure had better be postponed until we hear with certainty what is become of the French Fleet. In the mean time the Transports may be compleating their water and the Troops refreshing themselves, and as soon as we learn the passage is clear, the Renown will proceed with them if you require it: but Captain Henry's orders are to remain at Halifax until he receives further orders from Admiral Digby—

The German Troops had better be detained until intelligence is gained of the situation of the French Fleet

I have the Honor to be &c.

To
Brigadier General Campbell
Commanding His Majesty's
Troops in Nova Scotia

A.S. Hamond

20th August 1782

Agent for Transp.ts

Wrote the Agent for Transports to deliver the Blankets out of the Transports to the German Troops ordered

The Blankets out of the Transports to be delivered the German Troops

ordered to be disembarked upon the Generals application for them, stateing it as a matter of necessity—

Brig.r General Campbell

Desiring the Ordnance Storekr. may be directed to send six eighteen Pound Cannon to the Dock Yard.

20th. August 1782

Sir

I am to desire you will be pleased to direct the Storekeeper of His Majesty's Ordnance at this port to cause six eighteen pound cannon with their Tackle to be sent to His Majesty's careening Yard for arming some new Galleys I have ordered to be fitted out for the protection of the Harbour—

I have the Honor to be &c.

A.S. Hamond

To Brigadier General Campbell Commanding His Majestys Troops in Nova Scotia

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Brig.r General Campbell

The necessary Directions were given about the sending the Brunswick Troops Provisions to Pendrcot.

21st. August 1782

Sir

I have received your Letter dated this day: You are mistaken in saying you had no answer to your Letter concerning the sending the Brunswick Troops and Provisions to Penobscot, as I informed you by your Brigade Major that I had given the necessary Directions about them, and that when they were in readiness you would be informed of it—

In regard to your further application of today

I

Orders are given to prepare the Transports for Penobscot.

I have also given Lieutenant Sheppeote Agent for Transports his directions thereon, but it is not in my power to say when they will be ready, as matters require to be settled about Baggage and Provisions by the Quarter Master General and Commissary

Cannot say when they will be ready till matters are settled about the Baggage Provisions

I have the Honour to be &c.

To
Brigadier General Campbell
Commanding His Majesty's
Troops in Nova Scotia

A. S. Hamond

Admiral Digby.

Sir

21st August 1782.

By the Albacore which sailed two days ago, I had the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your several Letters of the 5th and 6th instant by the Diligence Schooner and Hussar. I likewise informed you that a reinforcement of two thousand German Troops had arrived here under convoy of the Cerberus and Cyclops Frigates, and that Captain Knell's orders (a Copy of which were enclosed together with a Letter from the Admiralty) directed him to remain here untill he received your further instructions.

Since which the Renown is arrived from England with fifty sail of Transports, Victuallers and the Berwick Navy Storeship. The Troops

The Renown arrived from England with fifty sail of Transpts Victuallers & the Berwick Storeship.

they

they bring are one thousand one hundred Recruits for the different Regiments, and as Brigadier General Campbell informs me that Sir Guy Carlton has ordered them to be forwarded to New York, the Renown will proceed with them and such Vessels as are bound to New York as soon as the Passage may be considered safe from the French Fleet, which we have not heard of since the 6th instant the day they took the Allegiance Sloop and her convoy—

Recruits arrived in the Transpt. from England will be sent to New York.

I am very sorry Sir, to inform you that the Supply an old Indiaman which was laden with all kinds of Naval Stores for Halifax at the time the Berwick took in her loading at Deptford by some means or other missed the opportunity of this convoy and did not sail with them, nor has she sailed with Admiral Campbell's convoy for Newfoundland, as the two Fleets met on their Passage. Therefore it is necessary you should be informed that there are no Stores of any kind remaining on this Yard—

The Supply Storeship designed for Halifax missed the Renown's convoy.

Enclosed is a copy of Captain Henry's orders together

Enclosed Copies of Capt. Henry's Orders & Letters from the Admiralty and Navy Board.

together with a Letter from the Admiralty and one from the Navy Board—

I have the Honor to be &c
A.S. Hamond

To
Rear Admiral Digby
Commander in chief of
His Majesty's Ships
in North America

If the Perseverance Capt. Lutwidge sailed 24 Augt 1782
Duplicate
If the Diligence Schooner sailed 24th Augt 1782

P.S. The bad condition of the Albany Sloop rendering her unfit for immediate Service, and Captain Mowat having applied for leave of absence to settle some private affairs at New York, which required his personal attendance I thought fit to comply with his request—

Leave given to Captain Mowat to proceed to New York.

Agent Victualler

24th August 1782

Sir—

It is my direction that you compleat the Provisions of the Transports carrying the British and Foreign Troops now in the Harbour to three months of all Species, and that such part of the Troops as are not disembarked be supplied with soft Bread in lieu of Biscuit during their stay in port—

To supply the Transports with foreign Troops with four months Provisions and soft Bread in lieu of Biscuit.

I am &c
A.S. Hamond

To
Alexander Thomson Esquire
Agent to the Contractor for
victualling His Majesty's Ships
at Halifax

21st August 1782

Sir Gentlemen

Admiralty

I have the honor to inform you that the German Troops under Convoy of His Majesty's Ships Emerald and Cyclops arrived safely here on the 14th instant, as did the whole Convoy of Transports, Troops Ships Victuallers and Storeships with His Majesty's Ship the Renown on the 20th following a Frigate has been dispatched to New York with this account.

The Emerald and Cyclops arrived with the Germain Troops.

The Renown arrived with the Convoy.

The French Squadron under the Marquis Vaudreuil of thirteen sail of the Line and five Frigates, appeared off Boston the 6th instant when they fell in with the Allegiance Sloop of War, conveying some Vessels with Lumber, which all fell into their hands. The Enemy's Fleet still remains at Boston.

The Allegiance taken by the French Squadron.

The Arethusa Sir Richard Pearson having carried away his Fore Mast, and sprung the Main Mast is come here to refit, and has retaken the Thorn Sloop of War.

The Arethusa arrived to refit.

The Thorn retaken.

The Aurora & Montgomerie sailed 3d Sept.r 1782

I have the Honor to be &c.

A.S. Hamond

To Philip Stephens Esq.r

Admiralty

Navy Board. A similar Letter wrote to the Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy.

similar to the above.

Renown

2 September 1782

Sir

The Charlestown and Savage to be ordered to convoy the Transports w.h Provisions & Troops for Penobscot and the Lion Transp.t to St. Johns River

The Brigadier General commanding the Kings Troops in Nova Scotia having applied to me for Convoy for a Supply of Provisions and a — Reinforcement of Troops that require to be sent immediately to Penobscot, I am to require you will (as senior Captain here belonging to the Squadron under Rear Admiral Digby) give orders to the Charlestown and Savage to perform that Service: Also that they take under their Convoy the Lion Mast Ship, and see her in safety to Saint Johns River, afterwards that the Charlestown returns hither for further orders, and that the Savage relieves the Atalanta at Annapolis whilst that Ship comes to Halifax to refit —

The Charlestown to return to Halifax

The Savage to relieve the Atalanta at Annapolis.

I am &c.a
A.S. Hamond

To
Captain Henry
Commander of His Majestys
Ship Renown

Agent Victualler.

21st August 1782

Sir

To compleat the Provisions of the Transports lately arrived with Troops to three months & supply them with fresh Beef.

It is my direction that you furnish Provisions and Water Cask for the use of the Troops on board the Transports lately arrived from Portsmouth and the Vessel sufficient to compleat the proportion

for

for three months, and likewise that you supply them with fresh Beef for one Beef Day and one Pork Day in the week during their continuance in this Harbour —

I am &c
A. S. Hamond

To
Alexander Thomson Esquire
Agent to the Contractor for victualling His Majesty's Ships
at Halifax

Arethusa

Orders are given to compleat her Sea Stores to four months. ✓

10th. September 1782

Sir

I have received your Letter and have accordingly given Directions to the Officers of the Yard to compleat the Sea Stores of the Arethusa to four months —

I have the Honor to be &c
A. S. Hamond

To
Captain Sir Rich.d Pearson Knt.
Commander of His Majesty's
Ship Arethusa

Navy Board.

The Ship Lion hired as a Transport. ✓

1st. July 1782

Gentlemen

The Ship Lion John Davis Master burthen three hundred and seventy eight Tons being of proper dimensions for carrying Masts has been offered to Government by a Merchant at this Place,

and

The Young William Transport loading Masts at St. Johns River.

and as such a Ship was immediately wanted, I have hired her as a Transport and shall send her by the first convoy to load Masts at Saint Johns River, when the Ship Young William is at present loading

I have the Honor to be &c.

A. S. Hamond

To
The Principal Officers
and Commissioners of His
Majesty's Navy

The Arethusa &c Rich.d Pearson sailed 13 Septr 1782

Brig.r General Campbell.

12 September 1782

Sir

The Desertion is so great from the Transports that notwithstanding all possible precaution has been taken by the Agents to prevent it. The Ships now ordered for Spanish River cannot proceed for want of hands. Among other methods that are practiced to draw the Seamen from the Transports, I am informed that the Corps of Orange Rangers have enlisted several of their men and Major Bayard not only refuses to give them up to the Transports they belong to, but persists that he has a right to enlist any seamen that does not belong to any of His Majesty's Ships, I am therefore to desire Sir that you will please to give directions for the discharge of the two men applied for by Lieutenant Robertson and Lieutenant Sheepcote

Agents

Desiring the men belonging to some Transports inlisted into the Orange Rangers may be discharged and Orders given to prevent any being inlisted in future.

Agents for Transports, and that you will give such orders as you may deem necessary to prevent Seamen being enlisted in future—

I have the Honor to be &c.
A.S. Hamond

To
Brigadier General Campbell
Commanding His Majestys
Forces in Nova Scotia

Arethusa.

12th. September 1782.

Sir

I have received your Letter informing me that it was not consistent with your orders to convoy the Ship with Provisions to Saint Johns Island, but that you would give an escort to any Transports as far as your way and their lay together—

In consequence of which I have given directions for all the empty Transports that are ready for the Sea and bound to Spanish River to load Coals for this Garrison to put themselves under your Protection and as the Port they are bound to is immediately in the way to Newfoundland I am to request you will see them in safety off that Place—

I have the Honor to be &c.
A.S. Hamond

To convoy the Transports to Spanish River to load Coals

To
Captain Sir Richard Pearson
Commander of His Majestys
Ship
Arethusa

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Renown. Sir

To order a convoy for the Transports bound to Spanish River and St Johns Island.

Several Transports under the direction of the Agent Lieutenant Roberton being prepared to bring Coals from Spanish River for the Winter fuel of this Garrison, and also a Transport loaded with Provisions for the Troops on the Island of Saint Johns, I am to require in pursuance of Admiral Digby's directions to me on that head, that you will please to order a proper and sufficient convoy for them

I am &c.
A.S. Hamond

To Captain Henry
Commander of His Majesty's
Ship Renown

19th September 1782

Major General Patison. Sir

The Renown will proceed to New York, & requesting the Troops destined for that place may be embarked on b.d the Transports.

From the accounts we have of the situation of the French Squadron at Boston, the passage to New York appears to be clear. Captain Henry therefore proposes to lose no time, but will proceed with the two Convoys as soon as the Troops you intend for New York can be embarked. I am therefore Sir to request you will be pleased to give the necessary Directions for their embarking accordingly

I have the Honor to be
A.S. Hamond

Major General Patterson
commanding H. M. Forces
in Nova Scotia

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21st September 1782.

Renown.

A Convoy to be appointed for the Recovery Transpt to Penobscot & St. Johns River.

Sir

The Recovery Transport having on board Brigadier General Campbell is to proceed to — Penobscot, and afterwards to go to Saint Johns River in the Bay of Fundy to load Masts for the Fleet I am therefore to require you will appoint a Convoy for that Service —

I am &c —
A.S. Hamond

To
Captain Henry —
Commander of His Majestys
Ship Renown

23rd September 1782

Major General Patison

Desiring the party of 40th Reg. now on board the Berwick Storeship may be continued there.

Sir

Notwithstanding the General Order for landing all the Troops ~~all the Troops~~ lately arrived here, it will be very convenient to His Majestys Service if the Party of the 40th Regiment now on board the Berwick Naval Storeship could be continued in her, untill her arrival at New York as she is a Ship of very great Value and from the short Complement of Seamen, it would contribute very much to her Safety —

I have the Honor to be,
A.S. Hamond

To
Major General Paterson
Commanding His Majestys
Forces
in Nova Scotia

Admiral Digby

24th September 1782

Sir

I beg leave to represent to you agreeable to the request made to me by the Surgeon and Agent of His Majesty's Naval Hospital at this Port that spare Bedding, Sheets, Rugs and Medicines are extremely much wanted for the use of the said Hospital: And I am therefore to request that you will be pleased to order such a supply of those articles as shall be judged adequate to the demand which may be expected at this time, while so numerous a Squadron is employed on the boast—

Requesting a supply of spare Bedding, Sheets, Rugs & Medicines may be furnished the Navy Hospital.

The Lively Capt. Stanhope sailed 25 Sept 1782

I have the Honor to be &c.—

To

Rear Admiral Digby
Commander in chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in North America

A. S. Hamond

Admiral Digby

24th September 1782

Sir

I beg leave to acquaint you that the Young William and Mary and Jane Transports are loaded with Masts, Yards, Bowsprits, Topmasts, Spars and Lumber for the supply of His Majesty's Stores at New York: They are now ready for Sea and will proceed with the first Convoy which shall offer for that Port together with the Berwick armed Storeship and

The Young William & Mary & Jane Transp. loaded with Masts &c. & Lumber will proceed with the Berwick Storeship & Gallizer Transpts to New York with the first Convoy.

the

the Pallisser Transport loaded with Coals—

No supply of Stores for this Yard having yet arrived from England, I judged it necessary to unload the Joseph Brig freighted with Cordage for New York, but the Cargo of this Vessel will go but a small way towards refitting the Ships now here for a repair and supplying the wants of this Yard—

The Cordage taken out of the Joseph Brig

Essence of Spruce sent in the Renown, Pallisser & the Packet

& the Lively Capt. Stanhope sailed 25 Sept. 1782

There is on board His Majestys Ship Renown ten Tons of Essence of Spruce, in the Pallisser Transport twenty, and in the Packet Ten for the use of the Fleet—

I have the honour to be &c.

To Rear Admiral Digby commander in chief of His Majestys Ships and Vessels in North America

A.S. Hamond

24th September 1782

Admiral Digby

Sir

His Majestys Ships Pallas and Le Cator having proved leaky on their passage from Jamaica to England, Admiral Graves ordered them to this Port to be refitted and they arrived here the 18th instant.

The Pallas and Le Cator preparing to heave down.

They were preparing to heave down to stop their Leakes when the Magnificent and Belisarius came in, and on their account will now be delayed untill the

The Atalanta heaving down.

Magnificent

Dutchess of Gordon	Tons 300
Commerce	355
Polly	280
Three Sisters	240
Sally	190
Joseph 1st	175
Joseph 2d	198
Grand Dutchess of Russia	308
Sovereign	383
Lillendale	253
Apollo	361
Ocean	299
Hesperus	245
Enterprize	266
Kingston	338
Jupiter	209
Rebecca	288
Joseph	147
Isabella	199
Nancy	283
Ruth & Nelly	158
Watts	176
Unity	230
John	160
Adventure	250
Jenny	150
	6491

The Cyclops sailed with the Transports to Spanish River.

The Emerald and Belisarius will sail on the 30th inst with the empty Transports for Charlestown.

Magnificent is ever forwardness for Sea, when they shall again be attended to—

The Atalanta Sloop has been so often on shore on the Bay of Fundy that it became necessary to heave her down to repair her Bottom, which has been done and she will be again ready for the Sea in a week, but she is so short of complement from Desertion that she can be of little service untill her number of men can be increased, which is now reduced to seventy nine—

The Cyclops had sailed with a convoy of seven empty Transports to load with Coals on Cape Breton before the Lively Sloop arrived, the Belisarius is therefore got ready to proceed with the Emerald and empty Transports to Charlestown. The want of Storehouses has prevented unloading many of the Army and Navy Victuallers, but every possible exertion has been used to send as many Ships to Charlestown as could be prepared by the time appointed. The Ships that are likely to be got ready are inserted in the margin, and with them the Packet will sail on the 30th instant, in order to inform you of all the particulars relating to them—

I have the Honor to be &c.,
A. S. Hamond

Rear Admiral Digby
Commander in chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in North America

P.S.

The Beds from the Troop Ships landed by General Paterson's Order

P.S.— Major General Paterson has represented to me the necessity of landing the Beds from the Troop Ships with the Recruits, as I concluded him to be a proper Judge of the Service for which Ships were wanted at Charlestown, I did not think it proper to refuse his request—

Desiring to know if the whole of the empty Victuallers are to be sent to New York or only three as mentioned in his Letter.

P.S.— Every Storehouse in this Place is already filled with either Army or Navy Provisions, therefore no more of the Victuallers can be unloaded than those which are intended to sail with the Emerald— Therefore I should be glad to know if it is your desire that the whole should be sent to New York, or only three of them as your Letter mentions—

✓ The Lively— Capt.n Stanhope sailed 25 Sept.r 1782

Inclosed the Pallas & Le Caton's weekly account.

(Memr.— In the above Letter was enclosed a report of the State of Le Caton, together with the Pallas's and Le Caton weekly account)

Arethusa

13.th September 1782—

Informing that Admiral Digby recommends the putting Captain Oakes and his Ship's Company into the Thorn. ✓

Sir

I have just received a Letter from Rear— Admiral Digby Commander in chief of His Majestys Ships in North America, saying he has been informed by the Diligence Schooner lately arrived from this Port

at

at New York, That the Arethusa has brought into
Halifax the Thorn Sloop of War: He therefore recommends
to me to put Captain Bates and his Ship's Company
into her and to put the Savage under a repair

By this extract of the Admiral's Letter you
will perceive he expects the Thorn will not be carried
out of this Port

Saml Hood

To
Captain Sir R. Pearson
Commander of His Majesty's Ship
Arethusa

Admiral Digby.

The Merchants withdrawn their subscriptions from the Packet.

Proposing Freight to be paid for the Essence of Spruce carried in the Packet.

Sir

20 September 1782

I have sent the Packet to you once more: but as the Merchants have withdrawn their Subscriptions for extra Wages for the Seamen from the time of the first trip she made, on account of their not being allowed to ship any merchandize, I do not apprehend she can possibly be kept manned, unless the Essence of Spruce she carries for Government pays freight, and even if this should be allowed of some method must be adopted to repay Mr Dilworth the money he has actually laid out in paying extra wages to the men upon the faith of the abovementioned Subscription. The method I would propose for this is

to

to give an order that the wages of the Packet should be paid every six months at Halifax or New York upon proper Pay Books being produced. but I fend that he is so far in arrears, that even if he should be ordered to receive six months pay he would still be two hundred pounds out of Pocket. I have now given him positive orders not to advance a single shilling to the men, any more money on account of the Packet until he has the money first in hand, so that my desire at present is only to see that the poor fellow is no loser. He states an very fair account, but as it is calculated upon the Idea that he might always reckon upon such a sum monthly, he has plunged deeply before he was aware of the consequence.

Orders given to Mr. Dilworth not to pay any more money on account of the Packet until he has the money first in hand

Wishes some plan was adopted to reimburse him for what he has advanc

Upon the whole I am of opinion that the Packet upon the footing of an armed Vessel as she is at present cannot be kept manned. I therefore give the matter up, and shall readily obey your directions in fitting her upon her return for a Sloop of War, but I shall be very sorry if poor Dilworth is again turned adrift as I am convinced he is an honest man and deserving from his Services to be considered.

If she cannot be kept manned think it better to fit her as a Sloop of War.

I have the Honor to be,
A. S. Hamond

To
Rear Admiral Digby
Commander in chief of His
Majestys Ships
in North America

The Halifax Packet
J. Dilworth Master
sailed 1st Octr 1782

30. September 1782.

Admiral Digby

Sir

I have nothing more to inform you of, than what my Letters of the 24th instant by the Lively Sloop of War mention: All the Transports in the List I then sent, have been got ready and will sail this day, with the Emerald and Belisarius, except the Adventure, which could not be unloaded for want of Storehouse room.

The Emerald and Belisarius will sail this day with the Transports for Charlestown.

I enclose a Letter from Mr. Thomson the Agent for the Contractors for victualling the Navy here, which will explain the impossibility of unloading any more Transports. I hope those that are sent to ___ Charlestown will be sufficient for the purpose: And as those Transports were composed of Troop Ships, Army and Navy Victuallers and one Storeship, I thought it best for the Service to put them all under the care of a Principal Agent who will be accountable for their Proceedings. I therefore gave an order to Lieutenant J. Laughame to that effect, and as he is an old and experienced Officer, I make no doubt of his recommending himself to you by his conduct.

Inclosed a Letter from the Agent Victualler explaining the impossibility of unloading any more Transports.

An order given to Lieut Laughame to act as Principal Agent.

The Jarrier has convoyed the Recovery ___ Transport with Brigadier General Campbell to ___ Penobscot, from thence Captain Murray is directed to proceed to New York escort

The Jarrier convoyed the Recovery Transport to Penobscot and St. John's River & from thence to proceed to New York.

escort her to the River Saint Johns to load Masts, and to make the best of his way to New York as soon as he has seen the Transport in safety—

The Savage expected from Penobscot.

The Savage is not yet returned with the convoy from Penobscot, but is very shortly expected—

The Magnificent getting in new lower Masts.

As the Magnificent is in want of new lower Masts, she will be longer in refitting than Dat first expected, but her Masts are in great forwardness, and every possible expedition shall be used about her. Captain Linzee though a Senior Officer has desired not to interfere with the duty of the Port, which is the occasion of my writing to you on the Subject—

The Pallas preparing to heave down.

The Pallas will be hove down in the course of this week, but she is so very leaky as to make three feet water an hour as she lays with every thing out at the Wharf—

The Eaton's Cakes stopped.

The Eaton's Cake is stopped since she became light, but we have not yet been able to take her in hand—

I have the Honour to be &c.

To Rear Admiral Digby— Commander in chief of His Majestys Ships in North America

A. Hamond

The Malsac Packet J. Delworth Master sailed 1st Oct. 1782

P. S— Some stout Privateers having been seen lately

The Renown sailed in quest of some Privateers.

lately off the Harbours Mouth, Captain Henry in the Renown is gone in pursuit of them, with orders not to be absent above four or five days without calling in for orders_

Major General Pattison.

23 September 1782

Wrote to Major General Paterson Commanding His Majesty's Forces in Nova Scotia, in answer to his Letter requesting the Bedding for the Troops might be disembarked with them_ as under_

His request of taking the Beds from the Transports will be complied with.

That the Generals request shall be complied with, but hoped that he is aware that by taking the Beds away_ the Transports will be dismantled as Troop Ships, but as he was acquainted with the Service the Transports are intended for, he will of course decide the best for the King's Service_

Admiral Digby

Sir

8th October 1782

The Kuspar calling in here in her way to New York, gives me the opportunity of sending under her Convoy the three Transports named in the margin, that are loaded for the use of the Navy; and I shall be very glad if the Young William Mast Ship can be immediately unloaded and sent back to the River Saint Johns to take in another Cargo before

Young William Story & Jane Palliser

The above three Transports sent to New York under convoy of the Kuspar

before the Winter sets in, from whence she may proceed to Antigua or any other part of the West Indies. Admiral Pigot may require: There are ready at Saint Johns, Masts, Yards and Topmasts enough to load two Ships besides the Transports Lion and Recovery which are now taking in Cargoes at that Place—

Masts ready at St. John's River to load two Ships besides the Recovery & Lion, now loading there.

Major General Paterson has informed me that the Fleet at New York is in want of Powder and has recommended that one of the Ordnance Transports now here should be forwarded by this Convoy: The Success Ordnance Transport is directed to proceed accordingly—

The Success Ordnance Storeship sent by the Kufsa's Convoy.

The only occurrances at this Port since my last Letter are, that the Chatham has sent in with the Charlestown a Prize Brig laden with Rum, and Captain Henry in the Renown who cruizes off the Port untill his sailing orders arrive, has sent in one small Prize of little Value and has retaken a Schooner from

The Chatham sent in a Prize Brig w. Rum & the Renown a small Schooner.

As the seven Transports which brought Provisions for this Garrison have been since sent to Cape Breton to load with Coals for the Troops here under Lieutenant Robertson Agent for Transports

Desiring to know if the seven Transpts expected from Spanish River are to be sent to England as last Year. ✓

may

may be expected to arrive about the latter end of this month. I should be glad to know if they are to be forwarded to England agreeable to the Navy Board's request, and whether a convoy will be likely to be appointed for them, or that they should proceed home in the way you was pleased to direct last Year—

I have the Honor to be &c.
A.S. Hamond

The Hussar
Capt. Russell
sailed 14 Octr 1782

To
Rear Admiral Digby—
Commander in Chief of His
Majesty's Ships and Vessels
in North America

14th October 1782

Geo. Deschamps Esqr

To receive the Stores now on bd. the Adventure Tender to the Atalanta and to transmit his Acct. for the hire of her.

I am to desire that you will receive into your charge the Stores now on board the Adventure armed Sloop hired from you for His Majesty's Service and lately employed to cruize for the protection of the Settlements in the Bay of Fundy in company with His Majesty's Sloop Atalanta, and you will transmit your account for the hire of the said Vessel for the time she has been so employed as soon as possible—

I am &c.
A.S. Hamond

To
George Deschamps Junr Esq.

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Ordnance Storekeeper.

to purchase 300 six pound round Shot for the Observer.

14 October 1789

Sir

I am to desire you will please to purchase for the supply of His Majesty's armed Brig Observer three hundred six pound round Shot

I am &c.ª
A.S. Hamond

To
James Morden Esquire
Ordnance Storekeeper
at Halifax

Navy Board.

24th September 1782

Gentlemen

The seven Victuallers were sent to Spanish River before the receipt of their Lettr. to send them to load Masts.

I did not receive your Letter of the 20th of June untill the 22d of September, before that time the seven Victuallers under Lieutenant Robertson had been unloaded, and upon the application of Major General Paterson commanding the land Forces in this Province had sailed to Spanish River to load Coals for this Garrison—

All the Masts in the Dock Yard will be sent home in the Transports.

upon their return it will be too late in the season to send them to the Bay of Fundy for Masts, and therefore all I can now do is to strip this Yard of all the Masts remaining in it and send them home by the Transports—

The Adamant Chas Wyatt Mar—

Duplicate The St Laurence John Edwards Mar sailed 30 Octr 1782

To
The Principal Officers
and Commissioners of
His Majesty's Navy

I have the Honor to be &c.ª
A.S. Hamond

Navy Board. 24th September 1782

Gentlemen

The Charges against Mr Lander late Master Shipwright proved to be false and groundless

In answer to your Letter of the 7th Instt enclosing a Copy of a Letter you had received from Roger Hambrow relative to Abuses said by him to have been practiced in this Yard: I am to acquaint you that I cannot find the least Ground for what is alledged by the said Hambrow against the late Master Shipwright, after the most minute enquiry into the accusations preferred against him: What is alledged against Mr Lander has relation to his conduct prior to my arrival at Halifax. I therefore laid Hambrow's Letter before the respective Officers of the Yard, who concur with me in opinion that the charges contained in it are false, the result of malice and revenge and totally undeserving the Board's attention.

I have the Honor to be &c

A. S. Hamond

Wm Adamant Chas Wyatt Master

Duplicate

Wm St Lawrence John Edwards sailed 30 Octr 1782

To the Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy

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Navy Board. 28th October 1782

Gentlemen

The decayed Stores will be disposed of by publick Auction agreable to their Directions

I have received your Letter of the 22nd of August inclosing a Warrant to the Officers of this Yard for disposing of such decayed Stores by

publick

publick Sale as are not worth sending home and acquaint you that the directions you have given in that respect shall be complied with—

I have the Honor to be &c.
A. S. Hamond

To
The Principal Officers
and Commissioners of His
Majesty's Navy—

The Adamant
Chas. Wyatt Mas.
Duplicate
The St. Laurence
J. Edwards Mas.
sailed 30 Octr 1782.

Navy Board

Gentlemen

28th October 1782.

The Nestor hired Storeship and the Sally armed Storeship, which you acquaint me have been loaded some time with supplies of Stores for this Yard and wait at Spithead for convoy not having yet arrived has occasioned much inconvenience and expence in fitting the many Ships that have been here this Summer. I have been obliged to unload the Brig Joseph destined for New York, and likewise to take a part of the Berwicks Cargo out, which last Storeship still remains here under orders from Admiral Digby to proceed to New York when the coast is clear. Having the Stores intended for this Port prepared in the Winter, so as to be in readiness for the first Spring Convoy will prevent delay in future and is a measure I am glad you have adopted

The cargo of the Brig Joseph unload. A part of the Berwicks cargo is taken out for want of the usual supply of Stores from England.

The Adamant
Chas. Wyatt Mas.
Duplicate
The St. Laurence
J. Edwards Mas
sailed 30 Octr 1782

The Principal Officers and
Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy

I have the Honor to be &c.
A. S. Hamond

25 October 1782

Navy Board

Gentlemen—

Inclosed I send you a List of the Transports at present in this Harbour. All those which arrived under convoy of the Emerald and Cyclops from the Weser and of the Renown from Spithead have been sent for the evacuation of Charlestown except some Victuallers loaded for the supply of the Army and Navy at New York, which the Admiral directed to be unloaded here, and the Ships forwarded to that Port. The want of Storehouses rendered the execution of that order impracticable, and there still remains twenty five loaded Victuallers here.

Inclosed a List of Transports in the Harbour.

The Transports that arrived under the Emerald Cyclops Convoy and the Renown sent to the Evacuation of Charlestown.

The seven Provision Ships for the supply of this Garrison under Agent Robertson were immediately unloaded and sent to Cape Breton for Coals for the use of the Troops here, and their return hither is daily looked for. They shall be forwarded to England by the first convoy and I shall put on board them a quantity of Masts and Bowsprits—

The seven Victuallers sent to Spanish River to load Coals on their return will be forwarded home with a quantity of Masts & Bowsprits.

The want of convoy to any other Port than New York has prevented me from

sending

New York amply supplied with Masts Want of Convoy prevented sending any to the West Indies

sending supplies of Masts and Spars agreeable to your directions. New York however I have amply supplied, and have acquainted Admiral Digby that he may have from Saint John's River any quantity of Sticks he chuses to send for—

I have the Honor to be &c
A. S. Hamond

The Adamant Chas. Wyatt Master sailed 30 Octr 1782

Duplicate
The St Laurence John Edwards Mr sailed 2d—

To
The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majestys Navy
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Navy Board.

30 October 1782—

Gentlemen—

Included a List of Ships refitted &c. since the 1st Novemr 1781—

Inclosed is a List of His Majestys Ships that have been either repaired, coppered, masted or refitted at this Yard from the 1st Novemr 1781 to this day—

The Magnificent refitting.

The Magnificent had received much damage by being on shore in the West Indies. Part of her main keel has been shifted, a new Gripe and false keel put on, and she is now getting ready to proceed to join Admiral Pigot at New York—

The Eaton & Pallas arrived from Jamaica after parting with Admiral Graves's Fleet.

The Eaton proved so very leaky soon after her leaving Jamaica that she was ordered by Admiral Graves to make the best of her way to this Port and the Pallas Frigate was directed to

accompany

The Eaton's Bottom much worm eaten.

accompany her. The Leaks of the Eaton proceeded from her bottom being exceedingly worm eaten. She is preparing to be hove down, and it is judged necessary to sheath her with 1/2 inch Plank to enable her to proceed to England. The Pallas made three feet water an hour when she came into this harbour: She has been hove down, the Copper ripped off her bottom and since being caulked and graved her leaks are stopped—

Mem.: When the Eaton come to be hove down her bottom proved so much better than was expected that it was deemed unnecessary to sheath her.

The Pallas been hove down.

The Adamant Chas. Myatt Mar. sailed 30 Oct. 1782

I have the Honer to be &c.
A. S. Hamond

To
The Principal Officers
and Commissioners of
His Majesty's Navy

Admiralty

28th October 1782

Sir

His Majesty's Ships Pallas and Eaton having proved leaky on their Passage from Jamaica to England, they were ordered by Rear Admiral Graves to this Port to be refitted: The former has been hove down and her leaks stopped, and the latter is preparing for that purpose and as soon as they are compleated which may be expected in about three Weeks they will proceed to England together—

The Pallas been hove down Her Leaks stopped.

The Eaton preparing to heave down and when compleated will sail with the Pallas for England.

The Magnificent which had received much

The Magnificent been hove down will be ready to join the Fleet at New York in ten days.

much damage by being on shore in the West Indies has been hove down and repaired and will be ready in ten days to join the Fleet under Admiral Pigot at New York_

The Emerald and Belisarius sailed the 6th instant with twenty six empty Transports for the evacuation of Charlestown The Renown and the remainder of her convoy of Victuallers still remain here with all the Troops which have been disembarked to reinforce this Garison_

The Emerald and Belisarius sailed with the empty Transpts for the Evacuation of Charles Town.

The French Fleet still at Boston.

The French Fleet still remain at Boston and report says in no great forwardness for the Sea.

Inclosed a List of Prizes condemned from 1st Jany.

Inclosed is a List of Prizes brought into this harbour from the 1st Jany 1782 to the 30 of October following and also a Copy of an intercepted Letter from the French Squadron at Boston for their Lordships Information_

I have the Honor to be &c.

A. S. Hamond

Philip Stephens Esqe
Admiralty

Duplicate

The St. Laurence John Edwards Mas. sailed 30 Octr 1782.

NB No. Inclosures in the Duplicate & the last Paragraph omitted

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Admiralty

Requesting leave to resign his Appointmt. of Commissioner of the Navy & desiring a successor may be hastened out.

30th October 1782

Sir

My private affairs requiring my Presence in England, I request the favor of you to inform

the

the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that I beg leave to resign my appointment as [illegible] resident Commissioner of the Navy at [illegible] Place, and hope that their Lordships will be pleased to hasten out my Successor as early in the Spring as possible

The Adamant Chas. Wyatt Mas. sailed 30 Octr 1782

I have the Honor to be &c.
A.S. Hamond

To
Philip Stephens Esq.
Admiralty

Major General Patison.

4th November 1782

Sir

Desiring to know what number of Army Victuallers can be unloaded & in what time to be sent to the Evacuation of Charlestown

The Letters I have received this morning by the Amphitrite from Rear Admiral Digby dated the 26th and 30th of September require in the strongest terms that as many empty Transports as possible may be sent for the evacuation of Charlestown: I am therefore to request that you will be pleased to acquaint me whether the Commissary can undertake to unload any more of the Army Victuallers and how many and in what time they may be expected to be cleared

I have the Honor to be &c.
A.S. Hamond

To
Major General Paterson
Commanding His Majesty's
Forces in Nova Scotia

4 November 1782

Agent Victualler

Sir

The Letters I have this morning received by the Amphitrite from Rear Admiral Digby dated the 25th and 30th of September acquaint me in the strongest terms that as many Transports as possible may be sent for the evacuation of Charlestown I am therefore to desire you will acquaint me whether you can undertake any more of the Navy Victuallers and how many and in what time they may be expected to be cleared

Desiring to know if he can undertake to unload any more Navy Victuallers to be sent to the evacuation of Charlestown

I am &c.
A. S. Hamond

To
Alexander Thomson Esq.
Agent to the Contractor
for victualling His Majestys Ships
at Halifax

Navy Board.

12 November 1782

Gentlemen

I received on the 10th instant your order for sending two more Ships with Masts to the Leward Islands. The Young William laden with Masts which had been a long time waiting for convoy sailed from hence for New York the 10th of last month and arrived there during the

The Young William Transport laden with Masts sailed for New York.

time

time of Admiral Pigot's Fleet being at that Port.

The Recovery Transp.t will sail for New York with the first Convoy.

The Recovery Transport laden chiefly with Topmasts and Yards and Oar Rafters will sail with the Convoy now going to New York as would the Lion with a Cargo of Masts, but that Ship having been damaged at the River Saint Johns is obliged to be unloaded here. I have therefore ordered two of the Transports under Agent Robertson to take in Masts for the West Indies as soon as they have discharged their Cargoes of Coals and have written to Admiral Digby for a Convoy for them agreeable to your Directions—

The Lion Transp.t unloading.

Two Transp.ts order'd to take in Masts for the West Indies.

Adm.l Digby written to for a Convoy for them.

The Berwick Storeship, Victuallers &c.a mentioned in my letter of the 25.th of October to have been detained here by Admiral Digby's order, are now directed to make the best of their way to New York, and a very strong Convoy is appointed for them

The Berwick Store Ship, Victuallers &c. ordered to proceed to New York under a strong Convoy.

I have the Honor to be &c.

A.S. Hamond

The Thorn Capt.n Letchmere sailed 13 Nov.r 1782

To
The Principal Officers
and Commissioners of
His Majesty's Navy

12 November 1782

Navy Board Gentlemen

Your Letter of the 12 July last was
received here on the 10 instant by the Jason
I am very sorry to find that the
particulars of the survey of the Ship la Magicienne
The Particulars of the survey of the Magicienne will be sent by the Storekr. were neglected to be sent to the Board and the
Storekeeper whom I have directed to be more
attentive in future writes by this occasion to
explain how the omission happened.

The survey of that Frigate was made
perfectly conformable to the instructions lodged
The survey was made agreeable to the Master Shipwrights Instructions with the Master Shipwright, but her Tonnage
appeared so considerable on the first
measurement, and least there should have been
some mistake in it, I ordered a second Survey
when her dimensions appeared agreeable to
the report thereof now transmitted you by
the Storekeeper

I have informed the respective Officers
The Officers of the Yard informed they are not to be Agents for Prizes. ✓ of the Yard of your disapprobation of their
being Agents for Prizes, a practice I never

approved

approved of and which I shall take care not to permit in future —

I have the Honor to be &c
A.S. Hamond

The Thorn Capt. Letchmere sailed 13 Nov. 1782

To
The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy —

Admiralty

13 November 1782

Sir

Since my Letter of the 29 of last month, Orders are received from Rear Admiral Digby for all the Victuallers, Storeships and Transports at this place to proceed immediately for New York. They sail tomorrow to the number of forty sail and are convoyed by His Majesty's Ships Renown, Cyclops, Chatham, Charleston Amphitrite and Jason

The Victuallers, Storeships &c. order'd for New York under a strong Convoy.

The Naval Hospital which their Lordships directed to be built here is in such forwardness as to have part of it ready to receive Patients by Christmas

The new Naval Hospital will be ready to receive Patients by Christmas

The Thorn Capt. Letchmere sailed 13 Nov. 1782

I have the Honor to be &c
A.S. Hamond

To
Philip Stephens Esq.
Admiralty

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Admiral Digby

14th November 1782

Victuallers & Storeships &c preparing for New York.

Sir

Your orders of the 18th October sent by the Swan directing the Renown and her Convoy to sail were received here the 11th Instant. Captain Henry was immediately made acquainted with them and no time has been lost in preparing the Victuallers and Storeships to obey his Signal

The Cyclops returned with the Coal Ships which with the Chatham and Charlestown are joined to the Renowns Convoy.

The Cyclops returned with the Coal Ships, and with the Chatham and Charlestown are joined to the Renown's Convoy, but the Savage had sailed for Penobscot with the Montague Transport carrying troops and Provisions before the Swan arrived. As soon as that Transport is unloaded Captain Bates is

The Savage sailed with the Montague Transp.t for Penobscot.

The Renown Capt.n Henry sailed 16 Nov.r 1782

ordered to proceed with her to New York

I have the Honor to be &c.

To Rear Admiral Digby commander in chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in North America

A.S. Hamond

15th November 1782

Sir

By the Renown's Convoy, I send the Transport Recovery laden chiefly with Bowsprits

Topmasts

Admiral Digby

Topmasts and Yards for large Ships intended for the Fleet stationed at the Leward Islands:

The Recovery Transp. laden with Masts &c. designed for the Leward Islands sent by the Renown's Convoy.

I am also by order of the Navy Board loading two large Transports with Masts for the use of the same Fleet. They will be ready by the beginning of December and agreable to the Navy Board's directions I am to request that you will be pleased to order a Convoy for them.

Two Ships loading with Masts &c. for the same distination & desiring a Convoy for them.

as the Commissioner inform me they cannot supply any of those articles from England this

The Renown Capt. Henry sailed 16 Nov. 1782

I have the Honor to be &c.
A. S. Hamond

Rear Admiral Digby
Commander in chief of
His Majestys Ships and
Vessels in North America &c.

Admiral Digby

Sir

15th November 1782

The Albany sent with Prisoners to Boston.

The great number of Prisoners in the Harbour and the season of the Year being so far advanced it becomes absolutely necessary to get rid of at least a part of them before the winter sets in. I had therefore in order to save expence to Government dismantled the Albany

Sloop

Sloop and prepared her as a Cartel to carry two hundred and fifty Prisoners to Boston Before your Letter of the 20 October directing her to be sold arrived here. I send her under the command of the Lieutenant with a small part of her Complement, the remainder being employed in the Albany's Tender at present on a Cruize. The Cartel is kept untill the Renown's Convoy is sailed and the Lieutenant is directed upon his return to proceed either to New York or this place according to the Winds and Weather he meets with. If he should return here the Ships shall be sold agreable to your order and the Tender forwarded to New York with the Officers and Ships Company

Ordered to proceed from Boston to New York, but in case she should return to Halifax will be sold agreeable to Directions

The Albany's Tender on a Cruize on her return will be sent to New York.

As many of the articles demanded for fitting the Frigate Aigle are forwarded as this Yard could supply—

Articles demanded forwarded.

I have the Honor to be &c.

A. S. Hamond

The Renown Capt. Henry sailed 16 Nov 1782

To
Rear Admiral Digby
Commander in Chief
of His Majesty's Ships and
Vessels in North America

Sir

22nd November 1782

The Renown's Convoy sailed from hence

the

Admiral Digby.

the 16th instant and in the Night of the same day two of the Victuallers having lost the Convoy endeavoured to return into Port. the Ship Friends Glory arrived safe but the Dixon a Navy Victualler run upon the Rocks near Point Pleasant and bilged: the Ship is lost and every means is using to save the Cargo.

The Dixon Navy Victualler run on a Rock. the Cargo endeavouring to be saved.

The Chatham was prevented from strengthening the Renown's Convoy by the Berwick Storeship's falling on board her and carrying away the Bowsprit: that damage has been repaired and Captain Douglas takes with him to New York the Friends Glory and another Transport in the Commissary General's employ.

The Chatham prevented joining the Renown's Convoy by the Berwick's falling on her.

The Friend's Glory & another Transpt sent under the Chatham's Convoy.

The Frigates Perseverance and Ceres arrived the 19th instant. I enclose a List of the Transports that sailed with them from Charlestown noting those which are arrived. The Perseverance has lost her Mizen Mast and both Ships require a considerable refitting which on account of the Cutter and the advanced Season of the Year will go on but slow.

The Perseverance & Ceres arrived with some Transports from Chatham. Inclosed a List of them.

The Perseverance lost her Mizen Mast.

I shall hope to have your determination respecting

Requesting his determination respecting the Transpt. arrived from Charlestown & those from Spanish River with Coals.

respecting the Transports lately arrived from Charlestown which for want of Storehouses and Magazines I apprehend cannot be unloaded here, as well as those lately returned from Cape Breton with Coals, two of which are loading with Masts for the West Indies and another is taking in the Divers Cargo.

The Vestal arrived with Duplicates of his Dispatches & has sailed again.

The Vestal arrived here the 17th instant with Duplicates of your Dispatches by the Jason and sailed again Yesterday. The Atalanta is now at

The Atalanta at Penobscot.

Penobscot should she return to Halifax I shall communicate to the Senior Captain your intentions respecting her.

The Albany sent to Boston with Pris.rs & directed to return to New York.

The difficulty that attends keeping Prisoners in this severe Climate during the Winter Season obliged me to send all the Americans to Boston amounting to two hundred and thirty two.

The Albany Sloop commanded by the Lieutenant

of the Chatham

was sent upon that Service and is directed to

Capt.n Douglas sailed the 22 Nov.r

return to New York if the Wind will permit

I have the Honor to be &c.a

A.S. Hamond

To Rear Admiral Digby Commander in chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in North America

A List of Transports with Ordnance Stores. Troops and Refugees ordered under convoy of His Majesty's Ship Perseverance to proceed from Charlestown to Halifax—

No.	Ships Names	Masters Names	Tons	Remarks
	Flora	Jno. Ayrson	302	Returned to Charlestown having got ashore on the Bar coming out and much disabled—
	Favourite	Jno. Ellis	610	
*	Keppell	Willm. Hayes	285	
*	Langton	Tho. Faucet	220	Ordnance Stores
* 5	Prospect	Jos. Lawren	374	
	Ranger	John Wood	245	
	Vigilant	Jno. Williamson	166	
*	Margret & Martha	Wm. Preston	353	82d Regiment
*	Free Briton	Jacob Hayes	398	257 Refugees
10	John & Bella	Andw. Green	191	90 — Do.—

Those marked with * are arrived in Halifax Harbour

Halifax 22 Novr 1782

A. Hamond

Commissioner Laforey

29th November 1782

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 4th of July last since which time I have sent the Transports Young William and Recovery to New York with Masts and Spars both of which I apprehend

The Young William & Recovery Transpts laden with Masts &c. sent to New York with an intention of their being forwarded to the West Indies.

apprehend will be forwarded from thence to the West. Indies as that Port had been amply supplied before—

My last Letter from the Navy Board direct me to send two more Ships with Masts and Spars to Antigua. I am therefore beginning to load two of the largest Transports we have here for that purpose, but it is not in my Power to say when you may expect them as the Convoy must depend upon Admiral Digby to whom I have written on that subject agreeable to the Navy Board's directions—

Two Large Transports loading with Masts &c for Antigua and will be sent when Convoy can be procured.

The Magnificent Capt. Lingee sailed 30 Nov. 1782

I am &c.
A. S. Hamond

To
John Laforey Esquire
Commissioner of His
Majesty's Navy and Commander
in chief of His Majesty's Ships
at Antigua

Observer

Sir

5th December 1782

Should the Officer commanding the Detachment of Troops now at Lunenburg apply to you for a Passage for himself and Party to this Port: it is my direction that you receive them on

The Officer and Party at Lunenburg to have a Passage to Halifax.

on

on board His Majestys armed Brig under your
command and that you take likewise under your
convoy and Protection the Vessel having on board
their Baggage and Provisions—

Sam.l Sc.a—
A.S. Hamond

To
Lieutenant Symmes—
Commander of His Majestys
armed Brig Observer—

17.th November 1782

Lieut. Robertson Sir
Agent for Transpt.s

To employ the Transp.t under his direction in endeavouring to get the Dixon of the Rocks at Point Pleasant & save her Cargo.

The Master of the Dixon Navy—
Victualler informs me that having seperated from
the Renown's Convoy he has run upon the
Rocks at Point Pleasant in endeavouring to
return to this Port: it is therefore my direction
that you immediately afford him from the
other Transports all necessary assistance to get
his Ship off, and if that cannot be effected you
are to use your best endeavours to save the Cargo
and if the Transports Boats are not sufficient
you are to hire small Vessels for that purpose—
taking care however to incur no greater expence
than is absolutely necessary—

Sam.l Sc.a—
A.S. Hamond

To Lieutenant Robertson
Agent for Transports

No. 1.

12 December 1782

Lieut.t Robertson
Agent for Transp.t

Sir

I have received your Letter acquainting me that you have saved all the Provisions and Stores that could be got out of the Duron Navy Victualler but that you apprehend the Ship will be lost. Also desireing me to order the proper Officers of the Navy to survey and ascertain the quantity of Provisions saved as well as the Duron's State and Condition in order to enable them to certify what has been done by you on that occasion.

To apply to Captain Sutwidge of the Perseverance to order a Survey on the Provisions saved out of the Duron Victualler.

In answer thereto I am to inform you that Captain Sutwidge Commander of His Majesty's Ship Perseverance and Senior Captain afloat having taken upon him the Port Duty, you are to make application to him for the Survey you require

I am &c.a

A. Hamond

To
Lieutenant Robertson
Agent for Transports

This Order cancelled

Admiral Digby

6th December 1782

Sir

Inclosed a Letter from Captn. Lutwidge of the Perseverance refusing to obey my Orders.

By the enclosed Letter from Captain Lutwidge Commander of His Majestys Ship Perseverance dated the 5th instant refusing to comply with my orders as Commander in chief of His Majestys Ships in this Harbour, I consider myself deprived of all the Authority vested in me by the Commission I bear from the Admiralty as well as by your Order to the Captains

Captains my Juniors I shall therefore in

Shall in future confine myself to the Duty of Commissioner

future confine myself to the discharge of my Duty as Commissioner of the Navy and trust that hereafter any orders you may have occasion to give respecting the Port Duty,

Desiring all Orders respecting the Port Duty may be addressed to the respective Offices of the Departments

the Prisoners the Hospital or the disposal of Transports will be addressed to the respective Officers of those Departments.

Inclosed are returns to the 5th Decemr.

Inclosed Returns of the Prisoners Hospital Provisions Transports & Ships of War

of the State of the Prisoners, of the Naval Hospital, of the quantety of Provisions in Store, of the Number of Transports then in the Harbour and of the Progress of the Ships of War refitting

I have the Honor to be &c

A.S. Hamond

To Rear Admiral Digby Commander in chief of His Majestys Ships and Vessels in North America

The Perseverance Capt. sailed 6 Decemr 1782

Duplicate The Atalanta Capt. Brett sailed 25 Decr 1782

Account of His Majestys Ships and Vessels in Halifax Harbour 5th December 1782

Guns	Ships	Commanders	State
64	Le Caton	Capt. Fisher	Hove down and fitting for sea
36	Pallas	Parker	Ready for Sea
36	Perseverance	Sutwidge	Fitting for Sea
32	Ceres	Hawkins	Do.
16	Atalanta	Brett	Do.

State of the Transports in Halifax Harbour the 5th December 1782.

No.	Ships Names	Masters	Tons	Remarks
1	Neptune	Thos. Brown	397	
	Molly	Edwd. Le Broiq	421	
	Castor	Geo: Straker	248	
	Friendship	Coldstream	250	
5	Hopewell	Geo: Garbet	250	Unloading Coals and Ballasting
	Friends	Thos. Jones	217	
	Francis	John Lewis	216	
	Two Brothers	Wm. Challens	203	
	Ellwood	Fletcher Piel	165	
10	Martha & Margt.	Wm. Preston	353	Loading Masts and Lumber for the West Indies to be ready for Convoy.
	Prospect	Jos. Lawson	374	
	Free Breton	Jacob Hayes	398	
	John & Bella	And. Green	194	
	Flora	Jna. Arpson	302	
15	*Favourite	Jna. Ellis	610	
	Keppel	Wm. Hayes	285	Unloading Ordnance Stores
	Langton	Thos. Faucet	220	
	Ranger	John Wood	245	
	Vigilant	J. Williamson	166	
20	Lion	John Davis	370	Unloading Masts from Saint John's River where she went on shore and is now preparing to have down
	*A proper Ship to be sent to Saint John's River for Masts	Dixon	Jo. Tuthill	Wrecked at the mouth of the Harbour part of the Cargo of Provisions saved
22	Amity's Production	Read	350	Unloading Lumber for the Army.

23d. December 1782

Lieut. Robertson
Agent for Transpts.

Sir

I have received your Letter with one enclosed to you from Captain Lutwidge directing you to apply to me for orders. In answer to which I am to inform you that Captain Lutwidge having refused by Letter of the 5th December to obey my orders as Commander in chief in this Port. I consider myself as deprived of all authority except what relates immediately to the Dock Yard as Commissioner of the Navy and therefore cannot comply with your request in giving you any orders for your proceedings—

Must apply to Capt. Lutwidge of the Perseverance for any Orders he may want.

I am &c.
A. Hamond

To Lieutenant Robertson
Agent for Transports

Admiral Digby

Sir

Commissioner's Office
Halifax Yard 25th. December 1782

Inclosed is a return of the number and dimensions of the Masts, Yards and Bowsprits belonging to His Majesty that are now at Saint Johns River ready for shipping in the Spring

Inclosed a return of the Masts &c. at St. Johns River.

Spring.

I am therefore to desire you will
Desiring Orders may be given to the Comming Officer in Port to send Transports for them.
please to give orders to the Commanding Officer
of His Majestys Ships at this Port to send
proper Transports to take in the Masts at
Saint Johns whenever they can be spared from
other Services—

I have the Honor to be &c

To
Rear Admiral Digby—
Commander in chief
of His Majestys Ships and
Vessels in North America

A.S. Hamond

The Atalanta
Captn. Brett
sailed 25 Decr 1782

An Account of the Masts Yards Bowsprits
and Topmasts remaining at Port Roure the
9th. December 1782—

			Number
Masts from	34 ins	to 22 ins indusive	79
Yards	26	to 29	41
Bowsprits	34	to 26	25
Topmasts from 74 Gunships to Frigates			50

Lieut. Robertson
Agent for Transpts.

8th. January 1783—

Notwithstanding my order of the 5ins.
To have the Transpt for you to proceed to England with the empty
under his direction Transports and Victuallers now here under Convoy
in readiness to proceed
to New York. of the Pallas: you are now in consequence of

directions

directions I have this day received from Rear Admiral Digby to remain with those Ships in this Harbour and hold yourself in readiness to proceed to New York with such Convoy as will be appointed for you early in the Spring.

You are to direct the Master of the Transports to take this opportunity of refitting their Ships so that no delay may happen in prosecuting any orders they may receive on their arrival at New York.

I am &c.ª
A.S. Hamond

To
Lieutenant Robertson
Agent for Transports

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8 January 1783

Sir

Rear Admiral Digby Commander in chief of His Majesty's Ships in North America having directed the empty Transports and Victuallers now here to repair to New York early in the Spring. I am to acquaint you that they will not proceed under your Convoy to England.

Cancelled

I am &c.ª
A.S. Hamond

To
Captain Parker
Commander of His
Majesty's Ship Pallas

No 6

10 January 1783

Lieut. Robertson Sir,
Agent for Transpts

Notwithstanding my order to you of the 5th instant to proceed to proceed to England under Convoy of His Majesty's Ships Pallas and Le Caton with all the empty Transports and Victuallers in this Harbour: You are now (in consequence of directions I have received from Rear Admiral Digby) to detain all the Transports lately arrived with Ordnance Stores &c.a from Charlestown, under Convoy of the Perseverance; and after causing them to be unloaded they are to be kept in readiness to proceed to New York, whenever a Convoy shall be sent for them which may be expected in the beginning of March, and it is necessary for His Majesty's Service that you remain here with the direction of them.

To detain all the Transports under his Direction and have them in readiness to proceed to New York about March.

All the empty Victuallers are to be forwarded to England under the Pallas's Convoy, and for their better keeping together you are to put them under the charge of the Senior or most trusty Master among them, giving them all strict charge to be careful in not losing the Convoy.

The empty Victuallers to be sent to England under the Pallas's Convoy.

But

but if a seperation should unavoidably take
place, they are to be directed to proceed to Cork
rather than risque their going into the Channel
without Convoy.

One of the Transports to receive such Officers & Soldiers as have leave to go to England.

You are to direct one or more of the
Ships to receive on board such Officers and Soldiers
as may have permission to return to England.

The Margaret and Martha & the Providence loaded with Masts &c. for the West Indies to be in readiness for the first Convoy

The two Transports Margaret and
Martha and the Providence which are laden
with Masts for the West Indies are to be kept in
constant readiness for the Sea, that no delay may
happen when the Convoy shall arrive for them,
which is promised in February.

The Lion & Favourite Transports to be sent to St. Johns River for Masts.

The Lion Transport is to be sent to Saint
Johns River to load Masts as early as the Season
will permit, which will be by the 1st. of April, and
the Favourite being a very proper Ship for that
business is to be forwarded on that Service also,
unless you receive orders to the contrary.

Two Transports to be appropriated to carry six hundred Men or Major General Paterson Order

Major General Paterson has informed me
he will have occasion for Transports to carry six
hundred men from this place early in the Spring,

you

you are to appropriate two proper Ships for that Service and obey any further directions you may receive from the General for the forwarding His Majestys Service, unless there shall be one of His Majestys Ships in the Harbour and then you will receive all orders through the Captain of the Navy.

The Hopewell laden with Navy Provisions is to remain untill further order, and any particulars which I have omitted to mention you will regulate in the best manner for His Majestys Service —

The Hopewell Navy Victualler to remain untill further Order.

I am &c.ª —
A.S. Hamond

To
Lieutenant Robertson
Agent for Transports

14th January 1783

Agent Victualler

Sir

Major General Paterson having requested I Transport to be fitted for carrying to England the Invalids of the Army you will please supply the Ships which Agent Lieutenant Robertson shall appropriate for that Service with a proper number of Water Cask for their passage —

To supply the Transpt appropriated to carry Invalids to England with Water Cask.

I am &c.ª —
A.S. Hamond

To
Alexander Thomson Esquire
Agent to the Contractor for
Victualling His Majestys Ships
at Halifax —

To
Admiral
Digby

Commissioner's Office
Halifax 21st January 1783

Sir

By His Majesty's Ship Garland which arrived here the 6th instant I received your Letter dated the 23rd December last.

By what you are pleased to mention respecting the Transports; "that all the Perseverances "convoy may remain at Halifax to be unloaded "there, unless I should send further directions, and "that nothing but light Transports and Victuallers "may be sent here as soon as the season will "permit in the Spring". I should have been inclined to have advised the keeping all the Transports of every denomination to have waited your further orders: but Major General Patterson Commander in chief of His Majesty's Forces in this Province having signified to me by Letter that his orders from the Treasury to forward home all empty Victuallers obliged him to offer an opinion that the opportunity of their going

The Transports which arrived from Charlestown remain at Halifax under the direction of Lieut. Robertson.

under

under the Pallas's Convoy should not be lost
In order therefore to comply with your Order as
far as possible, and as you particularly mention
the Perseverance's Convoy, I have ~~adopted~~ directed
Lieutenant Robertson Agent for Transports, to
remain here with that division of Ships, and to
forward home by this Convoy such of the
Victuallers as were empty and unemployed, and
hope this decision will meet with your approbation.

The empty Victuallers sent to England by the Pallas's Convoy.

The Albany Sloop is still detained at Boston: her orders are to proceed to New York, but if she should arrive here she will be delivered up as you direct.

The Albany Sloop still detained at Boston.

The Agents for the Refugees have been properly attended to agreeable to your recommendation, and as one of them is desirous to return to New York to finish their Plan, I have recommended Lieutenant Caymes Commander of the armed Brig Observer to convey him to New York, as also to take charge of the

One of the Agents for the Refugees returned to New York in the Observer.

Generals'

Generals Dispatches.

I beg leave to remind you that

Lieut. Crymes of the Observer holds his appointment by my Order only.

Lieutenant Crymes holds his appointment by my order only.

The two Transports laden with Masts and Spars for the West Indies will be ready for the Convoy whenever you chuse to send one:

The two Transports laden with Masts for the West Indies waiting for Convoy

and I beg leave to solicit another for the Transports intended for Saint Johns River about the end of March: Also that you will please to direct how those Ships Cargoes shall be disposed off.

Requesting a Convoy for the Transpts for St. Johns River

I have the Honor to be &c.

To

Rear Admiral Digby

A.S. Hamond

The Observer Lieut. Crymes

Commander in chief of His Majestys Ships and Vessels in North America

Commiss.rs of the
Navy.

Chatham 11th Feby. 1806

Gentlemen,

In answer to your letter of the 9th Instant I have to acquaint you that the the Observer Armed Schooner is not the Same Vessel as was Commissioned by me at Halifax the 9th Feby. 1802. On my arrival there in July 1801 I found the above mentioned Vessel laying by the Walls, without any Officers, and only two or three Men belonging to her, but was however considered by the admiral Commanding in Chief as one of the Armed Vessels stationed for the protection of the Coast of Nova Scotia. Some time after, I had the Vessel examined and she was found to be too bad to go to Sea: this I represented to the admiral Digby, and I received his Order to purchase a Boy proper for the Service and to put the above out of Commission. The Naval Storekeeper had my direction to sell the old Vessel by auction, but I was obliged afterwards to countermand that order and I employed her as a hulk in the Harbour to receive the Soldiers doing duty as a Guard over the Prison Ship. In that State she remained when I left Halifax.

The new Observer armed Boy remained as a Cruizer to protect the Coast under the Command of Lt. Cryniers, but I afterwards understood that she had been made a Sloop of War by admiral Digby.

and come to England

If the Admiral should have omitted sending to your Board a Copy of the establishment of the Ship whom she was put into Commission in Feby. 1802 I can furnish you with it from my Order Book

I have the honor to be

To
The Principal Officers
& Commissrs. of His Majesty's
Navy

Sir
Your most Obedt. Hble Servt.
A. S. H

Rear Admiral Graves.

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1781.		
20th August	12	Arrival at Halifax. Sir Richard Hughes gone to England in the Vernon. Enclosed Copy of Commission & Instructions from the Admiralty. The inconvenience of executing the Port Duty without a broad Pendant. Requesting one.
20th Augt	13	The Victuallers under convoy of Warwick & Garland proceeded to Quebec. The Charlestown & Vulture proceeded to Fort Howe and Penobscot with two Victuallers. The Young William Transport with Masts sent to New York. The supply of Stores to be ready by the Warwick's return. The Assurance sent in quest of the L'Astrea and Hermione French Frigates in company with the Danae & Surprize. The Amity's Production Transport sent to St. John's River. Enclosed a List of Outposts dependant upon Halifax. The Atalanta the only Ship in Harbour.
20th Augt	16	The miserable State of the Hospital. Requesting his Sanction to build a new one. Enclosed Copies of the Instructions of the Officers of the Yard, also return of Stores. Copper sufficient for ten Ships. Progress of the Yard will be constantly transmitted. The great Utility of a publick Packet between New York & Halifax.
29th Augt	19	The Allegiance arrived with the Coal Ships from Cape Breton. The Atalanta fitting for Sea. The Jeanie Cartel for St Maloes detained. Enclosed Duplicates of Letters & sundry Returns.
10th September	20	Enclosed Duplicates of Letters. Chatham refitting. The Magicienne approved on a survey for a 32 Gun Frigate. The Allegiance heaving down. The Atalanta to convoy the Transports to Cape Breton. Account of Provisions sent. The Observer in Condition.
17th October	35	The constant Friend's Transpt. to have been sent by the Warwick. The Aid Transpt. will be loaded with Stores. No Orders received respecting the Belisarius. All Orders respecting the Yard to be addressed to the Commissioner. Enclosed Copy of a Letter from Capt. Elphinstone with the answer thereto.

Rear Admiral Graves.

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1781.		
28 October	39	The Aid Transport forwarded to New York. Some of the Prisoners to be disposed of before Winter. The Atalanta not returned from Spanish River. Inclosed sundry Returns &c.
6th December	51	The Belisarius copper'd and refitted and sailed for St. Johns River. The Amphitrite hove down and repaired. The Atalanta and Convoy arrived from Spanish River. The Juno Transport driven on shore and lost. The ——— Magicienne in forwardness.

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1781.		
26 October	38	Inclosed copies of the correspondence with Adm.l Graves.
26.th Decem.r	56	The Sulpar with the Story and Jane Transport arrived. The Belisarius returned after attempting to reach St Johns River. The Harlequin Privateer taken. The Mast Ships to come from St. Johns River, a Vessel to cruize for them off Cape Sable. Inclosed a plan of the Hospital. Advertized for Proposals to build it by Contract. The Ground purchased. The empty Transports to sail for Cork the 29.th Inst.. Inclosed Return of the Powder for the Navy. Some Stands of Arms & Essence of Spruce sent. Inclosed sundry Returns.
1782.		
15.th February	66	The Sulpar to have new Masts. The Blonde to be refitted immediately. A Brig purchased in lieu of the Observer Schooner. Lieut.t Crymes appointed to command the new Observer. Mr. Dickson Surgeon of the Hospital deceased, Mr Handasyde appointed in his room. The Atalanta to convoy the Mast Ships from St. Johns River. Stands of Arms & Essence of Spruce sent. Inclosed sundry Returns.
6.th March	68	The Mast Ships arrived from St. Johns River.
24.th April	79	Some Spars sent in the Amity's Production. The Demand for Stores could not be compleated. The Ships sent from England with Stores will on arrival be sent to St Johns River for Masts. Two Ships with Masts directed by the Navy Board to be sent to Jamaica and St. Lucia. Approve of the Vessel for the Packet. The Admiralty directed the Hospital to be built. The Blonde sailed on a cruize into Boston Bay on a Cruize. The Pandora and Chatham refitting. The —— Atalanta cruizing in the Bay of Fundy. The Allegiance to relieve the Albany at Penobscot. The Albany on arrival to be a Prison Ship. Essence of Spruce sent.
2.nd June.	89	The Blonde lost on the Seal Island. The Cargo of the —— Prize Ship Lion purchased. An order given to ——

Captain *

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1782		
		Captain Thornbrough to command the Cornwallis. The Cornwallis to be sent to New York when ready. The rebel Ship Jack taken by the Observer. Inclosed a Copy of the Establishment of the Packet. The Pandora sailed for her Station. The Chatham cruizing in Boston Bay. Inclosed Letters from Captain Thornbrough and Lieut. Crymes. The Albany arrived with a Convoy from Penobscot.
1st July	95	The difficulty of getting Deserters from the Navy to be given up while serving in the Army. Requesting Sir Guy Carleton's Advice may be taken on the Subject. Inclosed a Copy of General Campbell's Orders to the Garrison.
4th 10. Do.	99	The fitting the Albacore delayed by the repairs of the Chatham. The Chatham not fit for a winter Cruizer. The Charlestown in bad Condition and repairing. No marine Cloathing or Topmasts can be sent. The Palliser loading with Coals at Spanish River. The Albany and Observer gone to Cape Breton as Convoy to the Ameties Production. Thirty men late of the Blonde in the Observer.
4th 10. Do.	101	The Cornwallis and three armed Vessels sent to the relief of Lunenburg, but returned unsuccesful. The Town plundered and the Block House burnt. Requesting two armed Brigs in addition to the Observer may be stationed on the Coast.
4th * 17 August	115	The Diligence Schooner & Hussar arrived. The Hussar dispatched to Quebeck. The Emerald and Cyclops arriv. with a Convoy with German Troops. Inclosed the Report of the Survey on the Savage. The Mast Ships arrived from St. John's River under the Charlestown's Convoy. The Charlestown returned to Boston Bay. The Allegiance taken by the French Fleet. The Packet sailed. Some Essence of Spruce sent. No Stores can be supplied except Masts and Topmasts.

* A Letter of the 2d August which ought to come in here, intered at the end of his Letters.

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21st August	129	The Renown arrived from England with a Convoy. The Recruits arrived will be sent to New York. The Supply Storeship missed the Renown's Convoy. Inclosed a Copy of Captain Henry's Orders & Letters from the Admiralty and Navy Board. Leave given to Captain Mowat to go to New York.
the 24 September.	130	Young William, Story and Jane & Berwick to be sent by the first Convoy. The Cordage taken out of the Joseph. Essence of Spruce sent.
the 24 do.	130	The Pallas and Le Caton preparing to heave down. The Atalanta heaving down. The Cyclops sailed with the Transports for Spanish River. The Emerald and Belisarius will sail the 30th inst with the empty Transpts for Charlestown. The Beds from the Troop Ships landed by General Paterson's Order. Desiring to know what of the empty Victuallers are to be sent to New York. Inclosed sundry Returns.
29th do.	134	The Merchants withdrawn their Subscriptions from the Packet. Proposing Freight to be paid for the Essence of Spruce carried in her. Wishes Mr Dalrymple may be reimbursed for what he had advanced for the Packet. If she cannot be kept manned proposes fitting her as a Sloop.
the 29 do.	135	Requesting a supply of Sheets, Bedding, Medicines &c may be furnished the Hospital.
the 30 do.	136	Inclosed a Letter from the Agent Victualler. An order given to Lieutenant Vaughame to act as principal Agent for Transports. The Jarrier convoyed the Recovery to Penobscot and St. John's River. The Savage expected from Penobscot. The Magnificent getting in new lower Masts. The Pallas preparing to heave down. The Caton's Seakes stopped. The Renown sailed in quest of some Privateers.
the 8 October.	138	The Young William, Story and Jane and Palliser sent under

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1782.		under Convoy of the Hussar. Masts ready at St. John's River to load two Ships, besides the two now there. The Success Ordnance Storeship sent. The Chatham sent in a Huge Brig with Rum. Desiring to know if the seven Transports expected from Spanish River are to be sent to England as last Year.
4th Novemr.	153	The Victualler, Storeships &c. preparing for New York. The Cyclops returned with the convoy from Spanish River. The Cyclops, Chatham and Charlestown will strengthen the Renown's Convoy. The Savage sailed with the Montague for Penobscot.
15th Do.	154	The Recovery laden with Masts designed for the West Indies sent by the Renown's convoy. Desiring a convoy for two Transports loading with Spars &c for the West Indies.
15th Do.	154	The Albany sent with Prisoners to Boston. Ordered to return to Halifax or New York, if to Halifax will be sold as directed. The Albany's Tender on a Cruize on her return will be forwarded to New York. Stores sent.
22nd Do.	156	The Devon Navy Victualler run on a Rock, the Cargo endeavouring to be saved. The Chatham prevented joining the Renown's convoy by the Berwick's running foul of her. The Friend's Glory and another Transport sent by the Chatham. The Perseverance and Ceres arrived with a convoy from Charlestown. The Perseverance lost her mizen Mast. Requesting his determination respecting the Transports from Charlestown & Spanish River. The Vestal arrived with Duplicates of Despatches. The Atalanta at Penobscot. The Albany sent to Boston with Prisoners, and ordered to return to New York if the Wind will permit.

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6th Decemr.	162	Inclosed a Letter from Captain Sutteridge of the Perseverance refusing to obey my Orders. Shall in future confine himself to the duty of Commissioner. Desiring all Orders respecting the Port Duty may be addressed to the Officers of the respective Departments. Inclosed sundry Returns.
25th do.	165	Inclosed a return of Masts &c.a at St Johns River. Desiring Orders may be given to the commanding Officer in the Harbour to send Transports for them.
1783.		
21st Jany.	171	The Transports from Charlestown remain under the direction of Lieutenant Robertson. The empty Victuallers to be sent to England by the Pallas's Convoy. The Albany still detained at Boston. One of the Agents for the Refugees returned to New York in the Observer. Lieutenant Empsnes of the Observer holds his appointment by my Order only. The two Transports laden with Masts &c.a for the West Indies waiting for Convoy. Requesting a Convoy for the Transports for St Johns River to be ready about the end of March.
1782		
2nd August	105	The Savage and Halifax Packet arrived. The Halifax Packet sent with Cyens of Spruce. No Molasses can be procured. The Perseverance getting new Masts. The Cerus refitting. The Albacore will call at Spanish River for the Coal Ship and proceed to New York. The Chatham & Charlestown gone to St Johns River for the Mast Ship. The Atalanta coming from the Bay of Fundy to be hove down. A small Vessel hired as her Tender. The Plan relative to Prisoners will be successfull. Le Levrier Schooner would have been purchased had she been fit for the Service. The Merchants informed they are to have nothing to do with the Packet.

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1781.		
6th August	1	Arrival at Halifax. The action of the Charlestown and Vultune with the Mermione & L'Astrea french Frigates. The Atalanta refitting, after being retaken by the Assurance. Inclosed a Copy of a Letter to the Sick and Hurt Board and a Letter from Captain George of the Vultune.
10th September	22	La Magicienne French Frigate taken by the Chatham. Admiral Hood joined Admiral Graves at New York. The French Squadron left Rhode Island.
25th Novemr	43	Recommending William Martin Sailmaker of the Yard to have a Warrant from the Board.
25th Novemr	44	A Transport hired for a Prison Ship. Stores sent to New York. An additional Contract entered into for furnishing Masts from St Johns River. Masts to load three Ships will be ready by June. Inclosed sundry Lists.
1782.		
5th January	60	The empty Transports sent to Cork. The Belisarius and Amphitrite sailed for New York. The Hussar coppering. The Magicienne fitting.
16th May	84	The Rebels in conjunction with the Frenchmean to attack Canada. Masts cut at St. Johns River to load three Ships. Elias Marshall and Thomas Johnson appointed to act as Master Shipwright in the room of Mr John Loader incapable of duty.
17th May	85	The Blonde sent in the Rebel Paige Ship Lion loaden with Masts.
31st August	123	The Emerald and Cyclops arrived from England with the Convoy with German Troops. The Renown arrived with her Convoy. The Allegiance taken by the French Squadron. The Arethusa refitting. The Thorn retaken by the Arethusa.
28th October	146	The Pallas been hove down and her Leaks stopped. The Lion preparing

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1782.		preparing to heave down and when ready will sail with the Pallas for England. The Magnificant been hove down & will soon sail for New York. The Emerald and Belisarius sailed with the empty Transports for the evacuation of Charlestown. The French Fleet still at Boston. Inclosed a List of Ships condemned since 1st. Jany 1782.
30 October	147	Requesting leave to resign the appointment of Commissioner and desiring a Successor may be hastened out.
13 Novemr.	152	The Victuallers Storeships &c. to proceed to New York under a strong Convoy. The New Naval Hospitals will be ready to receive Patients by Christmas.

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1781. 6th August	8	Arrival at Halifax. The Action of the Charlestown, Vulture and Vernon with the Normande & L'Astrea French Frigates off Cape Breton. The Vernon repairing and to proceed with Sir Richard Hughes to England. The Charlestown and Vulture repairing. The Atalanta retaken by the Assurance. Referred to Sir Richard Hughes for particulars relative to procuring Masts from St Johns River.
do 17 Septemr.	24	A Copy of the Jeanie Cartel's Charterparty transmitted.
25th Novemr.	45	A Copy of the Remains of Stores sent and demand for a further supply. Stores sent to New York. The Young William laden with Masts sent there. One hundred and fifty Masts to be ready at St Johns River by the 1st June. Recommending the Ships sent with Stores may be such as can take in Masts. The Belisarius to convoy the Amity's Production and Recovery from St Johns River. One will be unloaded, the other sent to New York. La Magicienne purchased and commissioned. The Transports with Coals unloading to be sent to New York. The Juno Transport driven on shore and lost. Inclosed List of Ships refitted since 1st August 1781.
do 25 Novemr.	47	Desiring some Artificers may be sent from England to replace those who wish to go home.
do 25 Novemr.	49	Requesting their opinion of the propriety of paying the Owners of Land on St Johns River for Masts cut thereon.
do 1782. 5 January	59	The empty Transports sent to Cork. The Juno Transport driven on shore surveyed and the Wreck sold by Auction. The Magicienne fitting. The Hussar coppering.
do 16 May	86	Requesting to know if empty Transports may be forwarded home in the Winter without Convoy.
do 16 May	86	A Brig purchased to replace the Observer Schooner. Also

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1782.		a Ship to replace the Albany Sloop. The Halifax Packet coppering and fitting. Elias Marshall and Thomas Johnson Appointed Master Shipwright in the room of Mr. John Loader incapable of duty.
16 May	87	Masts cut at St. John's River to load four Ships. The Recovery sent to New York. The Amitys Productions Cargo stored and reloaded with Spars sent to New York. The Young William loading at St. John's River. Admiral Digby informed of the intention of sending Masts to the West Indies. The Hospital begun to be built before the receipt of their Plan.
1. July	125	The Ship Lion hired as a Transport.
4th July	94	Recommending John Flint late Boatswain of the Pembroke Hulk for superannuation.
31st August	123	The Emerald and Cyclops arrived from England with the Convoy with German Troops. The Renown arrived with her Convoy. The Allegiance taken by the French Squadron. The Arethusa refitting. The Thorn retaken by the Arethusa.
24th Septemr.	141	The seven Victuallers were sent to Spanish River to load Coals before the receipt of their Letter to send them to load Masts. All the Masts in the Dock Yard will be sent home in the Transports.
24th Septemr.	142	The Charges against Mr. Loader late Master Shipwright proved to be false and groundless.
28th October	142	The decayed Stores will be disposed of by Auction agreable to their Directions.
28 October	143	The Cargo of the Joseph Brig taken out and part of the Berwick's Cargo unloaded for want of the supply of Stores from England.

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25 October	144	Inclosed a List of Transports in the Harbour. Most of the Transports of the Emerald and Cyclops's and of the Renown's sent to the Evacuation of Charlestown. The seven Victuallers sent to Spanish River for Coals on their return will be sent home with some Bowsprits & Spars. New York amply supplied with Masts. Want of Convoy prevented sending any to the West Indies.
30 October	145	Inclosed a List of Ships refitted since 1 Nov.r last. The Magnificent refitting. The Eaton and Pallas arrived from Jamaica after parting with Admiral Graves's Fleet. The Eaton's Bottom much worm eaten. The Pallas been hove down.
12 November	149	The Young William with Masts sent to New York. The Recovery to be sent by the first Convoy. The Lion unloading. Two Transports to take in Masts for the West Indies. The Victuallers, Storeship &c.a ordered to proceed to New York.
12 November	151	The Particulars of the Survey of the Magicienne sent by the Storekeeper. The Survey was made agreeable to the Master Shipwrights Instructions. The Officers of the Yard informed they are not to be Agents for Prizes.

Brigadier General Campbell.

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1781.		
12 November	12	Desiring the Scandevoon Transport may be unloaded she being to be discharged.
1782.		
2nd February	65	Requesting Orders may be given to the Officers at the Out Posts to take up all Deserters from the Navy. Reward of forty Shillings sterling will be given for each Deserter.
3rd May	82	The Friendship ordered to receive Troops for St Johns Island and to be convoyed by the Pandora.
9th June	91	Will be acquainted when a Vessel can be spared to carry two hundred men to Spanish River.
26th do.	92	Inclosed a Letter from the Palliser at Spanish River. Desiring Orders may be given to the commanding Officer where to load the Palliser and Hunter with Coals.
28th do.	93	The Convoy for Spanish River ready when the Troops are embarked.
4th July	93	The Lion sent to Lunenburg to reinforce the Cornwallis. The Albany will be ready to convey any Vessels with Troops in case in Rebels have taken post in the Town of Lunenburg.
23rd June	110	The Observer ordered with strengthen the convoy to Spanish River.
5th July	95	The Cornwallis and two Brigs from Lunenburg off the Harbour. Unnecessary to send any additional Troops untill the situation of the Enemy is known.
14th August	112	Desiring to know if the German Troops arrived under the Emerald's Convoy are to be landed.
14th August	112	No time will be lost in getting the Transports ready to carry the German Troops to New York.
15th August	113	No Frigate can be got ready to carry Dispatches to New York before the 18th instant.

Brigadier General Campbell.

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15 August	113	The Transports for New York will be ready in four or five days. No fast sailing Vessel in the Harbour that could proceed directly to New York. The Albacore expected in two days and may be dispatched then. Can give no opinion relative to detaining the foreign Troops.
16 August	115	The convoy with german Troops will be forwarded to New York as soon as possible.
20 August	118	The German Troops had better be detained untill intelligence of the situation of the French Fleet.
20 August	119	Desiring the Ordnance Storekeeper may be directed to send six eighteen pound Cannon to the Dock Yard.
21 August	119	Orders given to prepare the Transports for Penobscot. Cannot ascertain when they will be ready, untill Matters are settled relative to the Baggage and Provisions.
12 September	126	Desiring the men belonging to some Transports inlisted into the Orange Rangers may be discharged, and Orders given to prevent any being inlisted in future

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19 September	128	The Renown will proceed to New York and requesting the Troops destined for that place may be immediately embarked.
23 Septemr.	129	Desiring the Party of the 46th Regiment now on board the Berwick Storeship may be continued there.
23rd Septemr	138	The request of taking the Beds from the Troop Ships will be complied with.
4th November	148	Desiring to know what number of Army Victuallers can be unloaded and in what time to be sent to the Evacuation of Charlestown.

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2d August	1	Agent Victualler. The Vernon Transport to receive the Hoops, Staves &c.a to be sent to England.
6th August	6	Sick and Hurt Board. Arrival at Halifax as Commissioners of the Navy. The miserable State of the Hospital. Recommending the building a new one. The expence will be about £2500.
6th August	9	Allegiance. To return from Spanish River when the convoy is ready.
20th August	10	Charlestown. To convoy some Victuallers to Penobscot and St John's River. The Young William to be convoyed to New York.
20th August	10	Commodore Affleck. As much Provisions and Stores as can be spared will be sent by the return of the Warwick and Garland. The Young William with Masts sent. Provisions in store for 1500 men nine months.
20th August	11	Major Studholm at Fort Howe. Requesting his assistance in loading the Amity's Production with Masts.
20th August	12	Albany at Penobscot. The Friendship & Scanderoon to have convoy for New York or Halifax.
28th August	17	Wallace and Company. The Jeanie carted not to proceed to St Maloes, the Prisoners intending to seize her. To be paid for the time she has been employed.
28th August	18	Assurance. To proceed to St John's River to strengthen the convoy to the Young William. To take the Recovery there.
31st August	20	Agent Victualler. To follow the Instructions given him by Lord Howe in 1777 relative to Provisions.
14th Septemr.	24	Warwick. The constant Friends loading with Stores for New York. To be taken under the Warwick's convoy when ready.

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17 Septemr.	23	Sick and Hurt Board. The Jeanie Cartel to proceed to St Maloes and from thence to England.
to 18 Septemr	25	Chatham. To proceed to St Johns River to convoy the Amity's Production and Recovery to Halifax.
to 18 Septemr	26	Admiral Edwards Newfoundland. The Atalanta not sent. The Fawn returned with some Officers necessary for the Court Martial on the loss of the Atalanta. The Party of the 42d Regiment will be sent to New York by the first opportunity. Some of the Atalanta's men on board the Assurance. The Atalanta to convoy some Coal Ships to Cape Breton. Admiral Graves joined Admiral Hood. The French Squadron left Rhode Island. La Magicienne taken by the Chatham.
to 18 Septemr.	28	Chatham. Order to be given to the Atalanta to convoy the Transports to Spanish River. To Brig to St Johns Island.
to 25 Septemr	29	Albany at Penobscot. Sundry Letters and Papers received. The Scanderoon to be loaded for the use of the Army at Halifax. The Friendship to be loaded with Lumber for the Yard. Both Transports to be sent under convoy of the Albany's Prizes.
to 25 Septemr.	30	Albany at Penobscot. The Bills drawn for the hire of Cartels from Penobscot to Boston will be paid. All Prisoners taken at Penobscot to be sent to Halifax.
26th Septemr	40	Major Studholm at Fort Howe. The Recovery to be loaded with Masts. To inform the Masters of the Recovery & Amity's Production that a Convoy will call for them off St Johns about the 25 October.
to 27 August	32	Willm Davidson. Contract for Masts from St Johns River to be encreased from eighty to one hundred & fifty Masts.

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26 Septemr	41	George Andrews Purveyor of Masts. The Navy Board will be acquainted with the claims of those People of whose Land at St Johns River Masts are cut. To continue him as Surveyor. To transmit an account of the Masts remaining at Port Howe after the Ships are loaded. Mr Hayes to see this Letter.
14 October	32	General Monk. To convoy a Transports laden with Provisions to Liverpool for the Troops there.
14 October	33	Chatham. To convoy the Young William with Masts to New York. The Storeships will be forwarded by the Assurance.
16 October	34	Garland. Captain Chamberlaynes Letter offering to take any Dispatches to New York received.
16 October	34	Garland. To convoy the Constant Friends with Stores to New York.
17 October	34	Garland. Inclosed a Copy of Admiral Graves's Letter of the 5th Inst with the original Intelligence.
25 October	38	Belisarius. Orders to be given to the Charlestown to convoy the Aid to New York.
5 Novemr.	40	Amphitrite. A Convoy to be sent to St Johns River for the Amity's Production and Recovery.
24 Novemr	43	Amphitrite. A Convoy to be sent to Liverpool for the British Queen put in there.
24 Novemr	43	Adamant. John Smith Shipwright and James Weeks Smith discharged from the Yard to be received for a passage to England.
19 Novemr	42	Amphitrite. Inclosed an order to the Belisarius to obey the Amphitrites directions.
29 Novemr	49	John Hayes. Purveyor of Masts. The Block House to be erected if Major Studholm thinks it necessary. No more Money to be laid out there what is necessary.

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29 Novemr	47	Major Studholm at Fort Howe. The Proclamation issued by him will give the Enemy an Idea of the consequence we consider St Johns River. The Dock to be compleated in the Spring. Masts to be secured as well as possible. Requesting his opinion relative to building a Block House near the Mast Pond.
5 Decemr	51	Pandora. The Soldiers of the 31st Regiment at Quebeck to be received for a Passage there.
5 Decemr	51	Chatham at New York. Four Seamen belonging to the Sack to be discharged into the Pandora.
17 Decemr	53	Recovery Transport at St. Johns River. The Belisarius or Atalanta will be sent to Port Roseway by the 30th inst. To proceed to Port Roseway with the Amity's Production the first opportunity. Not being able to fetch Halifax to bear away for New York or Antigua.
17 December	54	Amitys Production Transport at St Johns River. To follow the Orders of the Recovery.
17 December	55	Major Studholm at Fort Howe. The Belisarius returned after attempting to reach St Johns River.
17. December	55	Amphitrite. To proceed with the Belisarius to New York. Inclosed sundry Orders from Admiral Digby.
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5 January	60	Albany at Penobscot. The Friendship to be sent to Halifax under convoy of the Rose Brig. The Allegiance will be ready to sail for Penobscot in ten days. To come to Halifax if Provisions for the Voyage can be procured.
7 January	61	Israel Andrews at Windsor. The proposal for building the Naval Hospital cannot be accepted. having closed with the Tender of another Person.
11 January	62	Purveyor to the Hospital. Mr John Vandasyde appointed Surgeon of the Hospital in the room of Mr Dickson.

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29 January	62	Recovery and Amity's Prodsction Transports at St. Johns River. The orders of the 17th December to be put into execution. To go to Penobscot rather than return to St Johns River. The Atalanta will sail in a few days to cruize off Cape Sable for them.
29. January	63	Major Studholm at Fort Howe. The Atalanta to sail in a few days for Cape Sable and if the wind will permit to go to St Johns River. The Mast Ships to go to Penobscot rather than return to St Johns. No Privateers on the Coast. Coincide with his opinion relative to the Block House.
9 April	69	Hussar. General Campbell will give up Peter Campbell of the Nova Scotia Volunteers upon Proof of his being a Deserter from the Navy. Received his reasons for detaining him. To send him to join his Regiment on George's Island.
13 April	73	Hussar. Any orders from the Chatham to be followed.
16 April	73	Hussar. Inclosed a Letter from General Campbell relative to Peter Moffatt. To be acquainted with the Circumstances relative to him.
17 April	71	Hussar. Reasons to be assigned for impressing men from Ships which had Permission to sail.
12 April	71	Hussar. The Vouchers relative to Peter Campbell cannot be entered into, untill he is sent to join his Regt.
13 April	72	Hussar. The Certificates relative to Peter Campbell returned. The General will order his discharge.
17 April	74	Hussar. William Harrison employed by Mr Abbott is no Deserter from the Navy. Mr Abbott had applied to have him put on board a Kings Ship when there was an idea of his being a Deserter.

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19 April	75	Hussar. Any old Countrymen found on board the London's Prize will be discharged into the Hussar. The Transport loading for New York will be ready in a day or two.
20 April	75	Hussar. Whenever Proofs are sent that the men mentioned in the last transmitted General Campbell are Deserters from the Navy they will be given up.
21st April	78	Atalanta. A Sloop at Windsor to be seized as a Tender to go into Creeks &c. in the Bay of Fundy after the Enemy.
20 April	75	Hussar. Directions are given by General Campbell to have Peter Campbell's account with his Regiment settled. Thomas Moffat claimed as being formerly a Deserter from the Navy. To proceed to New York taking the Recovery under Convoy. To point out the expedients for manning the Hussar and they will be taken into consideration. The Amity's Production to get two men in lieu of those taken up.
23d April	78	Hussar. No disposeable Supernumeraries in the Harbour. To press on shore with Peace Officers. The men belonging to the Amity's Production cannot be admitted as Volunteers in the Navy. To apply to the General in future relative to Deserters from the Navy. Inclosed Orders from the Chatham.
24 April	82	Adamant. The Hussar to be supplied with one hundred eighteen Pound Shot
8 May	83	Atalanta at Windsor. Proceedings in the Bay of Fundy approved of.
8 May	84	Commissioner Laforey at Antigua and the Commanding Officer at Jamaica. The Cargo of the Ship Providence loaded with Spars &c. will be offered to Government.

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16 May	88	Atalanta at Windsor. Proceedings in the Bay of Fundy approved of. Inclosed an Order to bear Supernumeraries.
10 June	91	Ships in the Harbour. Inclosed a Copy of Admiral Digby's order relative to Prizes.
15 June	92	Ordnance Storekeeper. To supply the Marines serving on board the Cornwallis with Arms.
1 July	97	Alexander Brymer Esq. Desiring to know if his armed Brig is in a Condition to go to the relief of Lunenburg.
1 July	98	Agent Victualler. To issue no Provisions or Water Casks to Kings Ships without an order.
5 July	98	Commissary and Agent Victualler. Their request of having some Ship cruizing for the Fleet expected from England will be complied with as far as possible.
6 July	99	Ordnance Storekeeper. The Ordnance Stores issued to the Vessels sent to the relief of Lunenburg to be received into Store. Inclosed a receipt for those left there.
14 July	102	Perseverance. When a State and Condition of the Ship and of the sick on board are transmitted, Orders will be given to the Surgeon of the Hospital to receive them.
15 July	103	Ordnance Storekeeper. To land the Powder of the Perseverance and Cures and sift it.
18 July	103	Atalanta at Windsor. The different Ports in the Bay of Fundy to be visited. The Ship to be laid on shore to ascertain the damage she received on running aground. The men by the name of Ayres taken up at Cumberland as disaffected Persons to be released.
7 August	109	Young William Transport at St. Johns River. Approve of the Steps taken to defend the Ships against any attempts of the Enemy. No Stores sent.

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7 August	108	John Hayes Surveyor of Masts. To make out a proper account with Vouchers for the expence of the Mast Pond and it will be paid. To arrange the Masts ready for shipping. The Chains may be applied to securing the Boom of the Pond. The Articles demanded will be sent. The Topmasts to be eight squared. To transmit an account of the Masts remaining after loading the Young William. To send a Drawing of the Mast Pond.
8 August	110	Perseverance. The Allarm directed to see the Packet off the Land and cruize to the Eastward for a Week.
13 August	111	Purveyor to the Hospital. To supply the Surgeon of the Hospital with Bathing Tubs.
18 August	117	Ordnance Storekeeper. To supply the Dock Yard Militia with one hundred Stand of Arms in lieu of those returned unserviceable.
19 August	117	Albany. Leave given to Captain Mowat to go to New York on his private affairs.
20 August	118	Agent for Transports. The Blankets out of the Transports to be delivered to the German Troops.
21 August	121	Agent Victualler. To compleat the Provisions of the Transports lately arrived to three months, and supply them with fresh Beef.
24 August	122	Agent Victualler. To compleat the Provisions of the Transports with German Troops to four months and supply them with soft Bread in lieu of Biscuit.
2 September	124	Renown. The Charlestown and Savage to be ordered to convoy the Transports with Provisions and Troops to Penobscot The Lion to St Johns River. The Charlestown to return. The Savage to relieve the Atalanta at Annapolis.

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10 September	125	Arethusa. Orders are given to compleat her Sea Stores to four months.
12 September	127	Arethusa. To convoy the Transports to Spanish River to load Coals.
13 September	133	Arethusa. Informing that Admiral Digby recommends the putting Captain Oakes of the Savage and his Ships company into the Thorn.
17 September	128	Renown. To order a Convoy for the Transports bound to Spanish River and St. John's Island.
21 September	129	Renown. To order a convoy for the Recovery Transport to Penobscot and St. John's River.
14 October	140	George Deschamps Junr. at Windsor. To receive the Stores on board the Adventure (the Atalanta's Tender) transmit his account for the hire of her.
14 October	141	Ordnance Storekeeper. To purchase three hundred six pound round Shot for the Observer.
4 November	149	Agent Victualler. Desiring to know if he can unload any Victuallers to be sent to the Evacuation of Charlestown.
17 November	160	Lieutenant Robertson Agent for Transports. To employ the Transports under his direction in endeavouring to get the Dixon off Saint Pleasant Rocks and to save her Cargo.
29 November	158	Commissioner Laforey at Antigua. The Young William and Recovery laden with Masts sent to New York and designed for the West Indies. Two large Transports loading with Masts for Antigua and will be sent when convoy can be procured.
5 December	159	Observer. The Officer and Party at Lunenburg to have a Passage to Halifax.

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12 Decemr	161	Lieutenant Robertson Agent for Transports. To apply to Captain Sutwidge of the Perseverance to order a survey on the Provisions saved out of the Dixon Victuallers.
23d Decemr	165	Lieutenant Robertson Agent for Transports. Must apply to Captain Sutwidge of the Perseverance for any Orders he may deem necessary.
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8 January	166	Lieutenant Robertson Agent for Transports. To have the Transports under his direction in readiness to procead to New York.
10th January	168	Lieutenant Robertson Agent for Transports. To detain the Transports under his direction and have them in readiness to proceed to New York about March. The empty Victuallers to be sent to England under the Pallas's Convoy. One of the Transports to be receive such of the Officers Soldiers as have leave to go home. The Margaret & Martha and Providence loaded with Masts &c. for the West Indies to be in readiness for the first Convoy. The Lion & Favourite to be sent to St Johns River for Masts. Two Transports that can carry six hundred men to be ready on General Paterson's Order. The Hopewell Navy Victualler to remain untill further order
14 January	170	Agent Victualler. To supply the Transports ordered to carry Invalids to England with Water Casks.

Mr Johnson was taken & remained in the
Atalanta

Removed to the appearance the
Surgeon under confinement
for Drunkenness.

On his arrival at New York
was appointed by Adml. Digby
to the Charles Town and remained
in that ship while she was paid
off in England.

Mr. G. Hewetson appointed to act in
the Atalanta in his Room and
not returning made the Vacancy.